

British Have Happiest Yule in Eight Years, 'Better Days Ahead,' King George Says

By ALVIN J. STEINKOFF

LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Heartened by King George's Christmas Day promise that "better days lie ahead," Britons celebrated their merriest Christmas in eight years today despite war-born shortages and dismal murky weather.

While fierce gales hammered at much of the British coast, temperatures soared unexpectedly over most of the war-battered continent, where the warmer weather was greeted joyously by people who have been without fuel all winter.

In Paris, the Christmas gaily almost resembled the lush brilliance of pre-war years, and worries about the fighting in Indo-China and about the future of the new Fourth Republic were temporarily forgotten.

Most Frenchmen worshipped at chilly churches, and later in the day sat down to a glass or two of wine and a fairly abundant meal. The big restaurants along the Champs-Elysees had to turn away crowds, but prices soared to as high as 3000 francs (\$25).

Snow fell over the ghostly ruins of battered Berlin, where American troops gave Christmas parties and played Santa Claus for tens of thousands of German children. Under the new "friendship" policy, Germans and Americans attended church together and sang carols.

In the land where Christmas originated, approximately 30,000 pilgrims crowded into the little town of Bethlehem for the traditional reenactment of the birth of Christ. Long lines of police, alert against any new outbreak of the strife, stood guard along the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

King George VI, broadcasting his annual Christmas message to his subjects all over the world, said "Our task is to mobilize the Christmas spirit and to apply its power and healing to our daily life."

The King said that the convales-



KING GEORGE VI

cence of the war-weary world could be "hastened by our continued endurance and good will."

"We showed the way when the bombs were falling," he said. "By our discipline, our endurance, our patience we can show the way again."

"We have survived the greatest upheaval in human history. Our hard-won liberties and our democratic institutions are unimpaired. We are celebrating Christmas as free men and in peace."

"Better days lie ahead. We must not concentrate too much on the difficulties of the present—they will pass. So let us rather think of the possibilities that the future may hold for us."

The King said that a divergence of opinion, "amid the dilemmas of a changing world," was a wholesome situation, since "opinion striking

against ignites the spark that can kindle the lamp of truth."

The speech was broadcast into a golden microphone reserved for the King's annual Christmas message. He delivered the address alone in his study at the royal residence of Sandringham. Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother Mary, and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose listened to the Sovereign's words coming from a loudspeaker.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a special Christmas message distributed to the press, appealed for faith in the "message of Christmas"—peace and joy.

Some of Britain's holiday cheer extended to the thousands of German prisoners of war still in England. For the first time, Britons were permitted to invite the POWs into their homes, so there were German Christmas carols around many a British Christmas tree.

POWs also were allowed outside their camps unescorted, for the first time. They could be seen, wearing the vestiges of military uniforms, walking London's almost deserted streets—looking at the fire-gutted buildings razed by Nazi bombers and rockets as recently as two years ago.

French newspapers carried the announcement of a Christmas present for 7000 Saar-born German prisoners now in French hands. The statement said the 7000 would be set free next month.

Fables of jet-propelled reindeer and yuletide tales of how Ben Chapman and the Philadelphia Phillies would win the 1947 baseball pennant kept 60 orphanage youngsters enthralled as Americans in Algiers played hosts at a Christmas party. Col. Clarence J. Blake of Kansas City, Mo., and his staff planned the party at which the youngsters were entertained by Chaplain and Mrs. William C. Allayard of Napa, Calif. Chaplain Allayard's tales of Santa Claus and his predictions on next year's World Series kept him surrounded by children crying, "again the stories."

Three Still Adrift On Ice Floes in St. Lawrence River

MONT JOLI, Que., Dec. 25 (AP)—Another of the seven occupants of a Quebec Airways plane forced down two days ago in the lower St. Lawrence has been rescued, leaving three men still adrift tonight on ice floes in the river, a spokesman for the airline said.

Efforts were being made to reach three men who had spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day huddled on floating ice in the 60-mile-wide river.

The pilot, J. R. Hartley of St. Catherine's, Ont., and two of the passengers were rescued last night by an amphibian plane before darkness halted further rescue operations. All were suffering from frostbite and exposure and were flown to a Montreal hospital.

A rescue boat from St. Anne Des Monts brought in the fourth man this afternoon. He had spent the night with two other occupants of the crashed plane and then managed to jump to a floe which the rescue boat could reach.

It was announced that the seventh occupant of the plane, who previously had been unaccounted for, was sighted on another piece of floating ice first by residents on shore near St. Anne Des Monts and later by a rescue plane circling over the area, approximately 200 miles northeast of the city of Quebec.

A U. S. Army plane was expected to be used tonight in the rescue operations.

(The crew of a B-17, on its return to Westover, Mass., said that it dropped a fully equipped lifeboat near the marooned persons but that the boat overturned after hitting the water and apparently was held half submerged by ice.)

(Crew members said they spotted only one person.

Another flight to the area was not planned immediately, a Westover spokesman said.

The twin-engine Quebec Airways plane, flying from Godbould to Mont Joli, disappeared about 11 a. m. (Pottstown time) Monday on a routine flight across the river.

The passengers, all of them (Continued on Last Page)

Weatherman Predicts Snowfall for Today

You've got to give the snow man credit for trying yesterday. There was a little snow, just enough for the illusion of a white Christmas.

It was just the right temperature for snow yesterday, too. On a very even keel, the mercury hovered between 29 and 34 all day waiting for the heavens to open and the crystals to fall.

Today as a consolation prize, the weatherman forecasts colder and snow flurries and much colder tonight.

Maybe those new sleds, the shiny ice-skates and the heavy winter clothes that appeared under the Christmas tree yesterday won't knock around the back closet too long.

PHS Alumni dance, Dec. 27, postponed. Date to be announced.

Run out of Fuel Oil? Call Schwab, Phone 2384.

Quick Radio Repairs. Call 3830. J. Pegely & Son Co., 38 High St.

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Truman Goes to Missouri Home For Old Fashioned Christmas

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 25 (AP)—President Truman came home today to an old-fashioned Missouri welcome from the home folks and a Christmas embrace from his 94-year-old mother.

Peppery, gray-haired Mrs. Martha E. Truman was waiting at the presidential home when the Chief Executive drove up from the Fairfax Airport at Kansas City, Kas., shortly after noon with his wife and daughter, Margaret.

Bubbling over with good humor, the President acknowledged, with a smile and a wave of his hat, the "Merry Christmas" greeting from about 200 neighbors who stationed themselves on the sidewalks opposite his home. A few came over to shake his hand.

His mother's decision to drive in from Grandview with his sister, Miss Mary Jane Truman, eliminated one of the three Christmas dinners Mr. Truman usually samples on his holiday home coming. A turkey dinner with "all the trimmings" was served shortly after the President's arrival.

He told reporters he would drive his mother back to her home in Grandview late in the afternoon and then drop in for his regular visit to sample the Christmas cooking at the home of his 97-year-old aunt, Mrs. J. T. Nolan, who lives across the street from the President's home.

Only a small crowd was on hand at the Fairfax Airport when the President's plane, The Sacred Cow, landed at 12:45 p. m. (Pottstown time) after a five-hour flight from Washington. The President's wife and daughter and his brother, J. Vivian Truman, stood in the warm sunshine to greet him. A welcoming committee from Independence headed by Mayor Roger T. Vaughan, also welcomed the President. The President's secretary, Mrs. Rose Conway, his personal secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Truman, a cousin of the President.

As he left the plane the President carried in his hands a copy of "Journey Through the Years" by his friend, James M. Cox, 1920 Democratic presidential nominee.

Today's balmy weather was in sharp contrast to the icy streets and snow-covered ground that greeted Mr. Truman on his visit last Christmas.

The brief holiday visit will end tomorrow afternoon when the President returns to Washington. Mrs. Truman and Margaret, who came several days ago, will remain in Independence for a short visit.

The President was accompanied on his flight by Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, his military aide, Miss Rose Conway, his personal secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Truman, a cousin of the President.

Ex-GIs Collecting 12½ Millions Daily In Terminal Leave

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Terminal leave pay now is rolling out to former GIs at a rate of more than \$12,500,000 a day in bonds and perhaps \$345,000 a day in cash.

This showed up today in treasury reports which also revealed that, in little more than two months after payments got under way, the government has paid out more than a fifth of the total amount it expects to pay.

The program is budgeted for this fiscal year at \$2,418,000,000, payments in the form of five-year bonds drawing interest at 2½ percent a year now top \$505,600,000.

Cash payments, on which timely data is less precise, achieved a relation approaching 1 to 36 with bond payments by the start of this month, which would put total cash payments to date at more than \$14,000,000.

Payments have been accelerated rapidly since they began during October. That month's pay-off amounted to \$22,302,000 in bonds, \$296,344 in cash.

Speeding up was considerable in November, when bond payments reached \$101,096,350 and cash payments about \$3,100,000 for the month.

December put the previous months in the shade, attaining the present rate in the week before Christmas.

Some 12,000,000 former soldiers, sailors and Marines are expected to claim a share of the \$2,418,000,000 voted by the last Congress to compensate for time-off they did not get in service.

The new Congress is to be asked to change the law so they can turn in the bonds for cash anytime they desire. Rep. August H. Andresen (R-Minn.) said he will introduce a bill to permit immediate cashing of the bonds as soon as the new Congress assembles.

CIO Union to Sue Berks County Firms

READING, Dec. 25 (AP)—Suits seeking \$10,000,000 from 31 Reading and Berks county firms for portable pay will be filed within the next week by the United Steelworkers of America, CIO. Andrew Kondrath, sub-regional director announced tonight.

Claims against the local concerns will probably be filed in the Berks county court, Kondrath said.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN

DETECTIVE SEES ARSON EVIDENCE IN HOTEL FIRE

Building in Macon, Ga., Was Inspected 20 Minutes Before Blaze Started

MACON, Ga., Dec. 25 (AP)—A house detective said tonight that a spectacular early morning blaze that destroyed a wing of the Lanier Hotel and sent 75 guests scurrying into the streets bore "evidence of arson."

W. W. James, on duty at the hotel, said he had inspected a fourth floor linen and storage closet 20 minutes before fire was discovered in that area.

"It looks to me like that fire couldn't have started in that room unless someone used a chemical," he asserted.

James declared that when he and the room clerk rushed to the fourth floor "we were knocked back by terrific fumes much stronger than sulphur. The clerk, who was in the war, said they smelled like chemicals. The fire was roaring and spreading rapidly."

Three persons were slightly injured by the flames that broke out shortly before midnight in the 165-room, six-story brick hotel in the heart of downtown Macon. Only 25 rooms were gutted by fire in the rear of one wing. James said damage was estimated unofficially at about \$150,000.

The house detective said he went into the linen and storage closet shortly after 11:30 p. m., turned out two lights and went down to the lobby, checking the other floors briefly enroute. He said he left the building to go to the Macon hotel, operated by the same company, and a short distance down the street heard the fire department coming.

"I looked back and saw flames whipping up through the Lanier," he said. "I ran back and the room clerk and I started up the floors giving the alarm."

Fire Chief Mosley declined to express an opinion on the cause of the fire "until I have made a more thorough investigation."

The fire was discovered by Lt. Robert L. Smith of Reidsville, N. C., an Army pilot stationed at nearby Robins Field. The 34-year old overseas veteran led his pajama-clad wife, Mrs. Irene Smith, to safety and then started arousing other guests.

Credit was given to a pretty young switchboard operator, Marjorie Bishop, who telephoned all occupied rooms during the fire and two city detectives, M. J. Huxley and G. C. Britt, who went from door to door and directed occupants to safety.

W. W. James, house detective for (Continued on Last Page)

Parked Car Damaged, Police Catch Autoist

The car of P. William Marshall, parked in front of his home at 942 Queen street, reportedly was struck early yesterday morning by a vehicle operated by Carl Keller, of Pottstown RD 2, and damaged considerably.

The noise of the crash was heard by Patrolman Paul Galloway and Paul Bridgman who were touring the area in a patrol car at 2:10 o'clock when the accident occurred.

They drove to the scene immediately and gave chase to Keller who had fled. He was overtaken shortly and charged with failing to identify himself at the scene of an accident by Patrolman Galloway and reckless driving by Patrolman Bridgman.

The parked auto was left with a damaged right rear fender, punctured right tire and the undercarriage completely wrecked, according to police report. The left rear fender of Keller's car was smashed.

Keller suffered no injury and will receive a summons for a hearing in the near future, police said.

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Snow Makes Brief Appearance As Borough Celebrates Holiday

Kenilworth Family Hears Bertolet in Rome Air Talk

Members of the Bertolet family of Kenilworth got the best Christmas present they could have asked for yesterday. They heard the voice of one of its members who has been absent for over a year.

The missing members, 1st/Sgt. Albert Bertolet, spoke over the radio yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock from Rome while the entire family gathered around the radio.

Bertolet, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bertolet, has been stationed in Italy for over a year and was joined by his wife, Charlotte and two children, Betty and Maryland, about a month ago.

He has been in the Army for the past seven years and now is with the 349th Infantry regiment in Naples. When he spoke over the air he was on a 45-day leave.

His parents and three brothers and a sister, met at the home of his brother George yesterday afternoon to hear the broadcast which reached them over a Philadelphia broadcasting station.

He had no personal message for them, however, as it appeared that he was only allowed to state who he was, where he was from and that he was in Italy with his family and was happy.

"I made our Christmas," said Mrs. Bertolet, who observed that she would rather have had a more intimate statement from her son but that just the sound of his voice was enough to make the Christmas bells sound prettier and goodwill toward men more all-abounding.

Nation's Death Toll Reaches 216 In Holiday Period, Record Seen

The Christmas holiday death toll throughout the nation mounted to 216 late last night, including 133 traffic deaths, and the National Safety Council said the "eventual highway toll" would be "considerably more than 300."

The "eventual toll," a council spokesman said, included those injured in holiday accidents who did not die immediately.

The council said the nation "apparently went on a traffic binge" as a result of fine holiday weather prevailing through most of the country, and estimated the eventual toll of this year's holiday would surpass 1941, which was marked by the largest number of Christmas traffic deaths in history.

The council previously had estimated there would be 150 traffic deaths in the nation for the holiday period.

California with 53 accidental deaths, all but two in an epidemic of highway crashes, topped the country in the gruesome statistical picture. Of this total, 39 were centered in a ten-county area around Los Angeles, which had been drenched by a steady rain.

A police traffic executive in Los Angeles blamed the high toll there on a "combination of wet streets and drinking." Miami, Fla., also reported a record number of traffic collisions but registered only one fatality.

Meanwhile, authorities pressed a search for an airliner with 12 persons aboard reported missing in the Laguna mountains near San Diego.

The toll by states, from 6 p. m. Tuesday:

Alabama 2 traffic deaths, 6 miscellaneous; Arizona 20; Arkansas 02; California 302; Colorado 20; Connecticut 10; Florida 31; Georgia 15; Illinois 185; Indiana 101; Iowa 21; Kansas 20; Louisiana 20; Maine 3,1.

Maryland 60; Massachusetts 54; Michigan 82; Minnesota 30; Missouri 20; Nebraska 10; New Jersey 2,1; New Mexico 30; New York 92; North Dakota 10; Ohio 61; Oklahoma 40; Oregon 31; Pennsylvania 53.

Tennessee 80; Texas 20; Vermont 10; Washington 31; West Virginia 51; Wisconsin 42; District of Columbia 01.

Green Murder Case Remains Unsolved

The Christmas holiday produced no new turns in the solution of the murder of Mrs. Miriam Green, police revealed last night, as they added that the search for the strangler-slayer of the divorcee went on as usual.

No response from the circulars containing a description of the murder weapon, the powder-blue scarf, had been received up to last night. The circulars have been dispatched to local retailers in the hope of tracing the purchaser or owner of the garment.

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Direct Color Print Service through Arrow Camera Shop, 80 N. Charlotte.

Radio and Appliance Repairs. Call C. J. Kelsor Co. Ph. 1775-M or 111.

Dance at St. Peter's Hall, South and Price Sts., Saturday, 8:30 p. m.

MANY ATTEND YULE SERVICES IN CHURCHES

It wasn't a white Christmas, but children's breaths quickened for a brief hour yesterday morning.

Shortly after 9:30 o'clock snow flurries began to sweep Pottstown from the northeast. Skies darkened and the sun shone with sadder light than waning moon. Snow soon came down in brisk, blizzard proportions and was heavy enough to whiten many of Pottstown's brick pavements.

This allowed for odd sights—fathers proudly pushing their young fry on shiny new red tricycles on the snow-covered walks—children shoving brightly-painted express wagons and scooting on scooters while in the West, azure blue peeked through skies flecked with tumbling cumulus clouds.

It was merely a tantalizing episode of the day. By 10:15 o'clock the "storm" had subsided, the sun broke in all its effulgent glory and Pottstown resumed the quiet tenor of Christmas day.

Churches of the locality were hosts to large congregations and in the main offered services of carol singing and Christmas music.

The Rev. Luther A. Krouse, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church, reported that the largest Christmas congregation of the church's history overflowed into antechambers and aisles to take part in the service. Upwards of 800 attended, he said, and a choir of 110 voices pealed out the Christmas anthems. The choir incorporated five separate choirs, all of Emmanuel, he pointed out.

But as was inevitable, most of (Continued on Last Page)

Ashworths Help Spread Yule Cheer By Music Program

If West Beech street has been more full of Christmas spirit than the average Pottstown street for the past two days, this happy coincidence may be traced in all likelihood, to the efforts of the Ashworth family which has set up a loudspeaker system on top of its home at 53 Beech street and has been broadcasting Christmas carols over it.

This ingenious method of publishing Christmas cheer was devised the past year by the oldest Ashworth, Donald, a veteran of five years service who came home, rigged the system and played records over it to the delight of the entire block in which they live.

This year neighbors asked hopefully if the broadcast would be repeated. Realizing the popularity of the scheme, Donald once again hooked up the network when he was home the past Saturday and then let his 14-year-old brother, Horace, take it from there.

Yesterday for about six hours the strains of "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and many others rang cheerily throughout the block filling the air with music and the hearts of those who heard it with good will.

The microphone for the system is on the first floor and the amplifier is attached outside a third floor window, Donald made the set-up when he was home the past year.

Both Ashworths are familiar with electronics, since Donald is studying the subject at a veterans' school in Chicago and Horace learns about it in the Junior High school.

Horace hit upon the idea of augmenting the stock of carol records which he plays with a group of neighborhood friends, numbering about six, who have come in and sung over the system. They are called the "Beech Street Gang."

As yet the Ashworths have received no complaints from the neighbors but are taking pains not to overdo it late at night when nearby residents might object on grounds of interrupting their sleep.

The boys are the sons of Mrs. Emma Ashworth whose other son, William, also a veteran, is likewise studying electronics at a GI school.

Clark Plans to Send 'Bad Boys' to School

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced today that he hopes to send 50 "bad boys" to the nation's foremost military and preparatory schools.

Clark told the inmates of the National Training School for Boys, where he ate a Christmas turkey dinner, that the plan will be carried out as soon as he can find people willing to put up \$300 to \$500 a year for each scholarship.

"I want to instill a competitive spirit in the boys through these scholarships," Clark said. "Those boys picked will be of the highest type available. I think this competitive spirit will induce the fellows to try to get scholarships to colleges."

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ON THE MAIN DRAG

ELWOOD RATH—admiring a gift radio.

WILLIAM WALKER—talking about job rates.

LEONARD MOSER—adjusting his eye shield.

JOHN SHANTA—drinking a cup of hot coffee.

EARL YOHN—studying a musical score.

GEORGE PIPKO—stacking a pile of coins.

LEONARD WAYOCK and JOHN YANTUSKO—resting after portraying Santa Claus at a party.

MICHAEL ISWALT—renewing acquaintances in Pottstown.

BILL FIRTH—carrying a portable radio.

Abolishing of Sugar Rationing In 1947 Predicted by Jenkins

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP)—Rep. Jenkins (R-Ohio), chairman of the Republican Congressional Food Study Committee, assailed the government's sugar policy tonight and predicted both rationing and price control of sugar can be safely abolished late in 1947.

Each household consumer should receive at least 10 pounds more sugar in 1947 than in 1946, he said in a report on the committee's findings.

In addition, industrial consumers should get a 20 percent increase—from 60 to 80 percent of their 1941 supplies—on the basis of latest estimates, the report said.

Blaming "the government's senseless fear of a wartime sugar surplus," Jenkins declared American housewives have been getting "the short end of the sugar deal" for five years.

"Loss of the Philippine sugar production of about a million tons a year early in the war should have been a clear warning to those responsible to exert their utmost efforts to increase Cuban production to offset these losses throughout the war," Jenkins said.

"However, our officials seemed to be obsessed with the fear of a possible sugar surplus."

Cuba had enough sugar to make up entirely for the loss of Philippine sugar, he said, but the U. S. contract in 1943 "insisted that Cuba leave unharvested enough cane to produce an estimated additional 1,750,000 tons of sugar."

The report also declared the 1946 shortage was "chiefly the direct result of the administration's policy of sharing the relatively adequate supplies produced in our normal (Continued on Last Page)

Truck, Cab Collide At Intersection

A collision yesterday morning between a truck operated by Richard G. Strouse, of 550 Willow street, and a taxicab driven by Lloyd Galloway, of 60 Beaumont street, resulted in damage only to the cab.

The accident happened at 10 o'clock at the corner of East and Hanover streets and was investigated by Patrolman Lewis Borgiet. No one was injured.

The damage to the cab was a smashed side, rear fender front door and front fender, all on the right side.

No charges were placed, police said.

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Considerable cloudiness with snow flurries and turning colder today. Much colder tonight.

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TEMPERATURE EXTREMES
Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

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Rankin Committee to Probe Loyalty of 'Pink Professors'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (P)—Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) today outlined a Congressional investigation of what he called "Pink Professors" as one of the first tasks of the new session and called upon veterans organizations and civic groups to lend a hand.

Rankin, a member of the House committee on un-American activities, told reporters an investigation of alleged subversive influences in some of the leading educational institutions will be one of the first undertaken by the group in the new Congress.

"One of its main problems will be to enlist the aid of patriotic organizations, including veterans groups, to drive from our educational institutions those pink professors who are now being subsidized from questionable sources," he said.

Rankin reported voluminous evidence that professors of "questionable loyalties" are holding positions in which "they can influence the minds of our young people."

Some, he added, receive a large part of their pay from "so-called foundations and are spreading subversive propaganda among the students of this nation." He did not identify them.

"We are determined that this Government shall not be undermined," he declared. "We are determined that the American Government and the American way of life shall not be destroyed."

Other investigations which the committee probably will start early in 1947, Rankin said, will cover the moving picture industry, the radio and "other methods of communication."

"The committee will intensify its drive and its efforts to remove from the Federal payroll every Communist and every other subversive individual," he said. "It will also give its attention to the Communist influence in the moving picture industry, the radio and other methods of communication."

Through publicity, he indicated, the committee believes it can drive "Communist elements" out of non-Federal positions, while through the means of curtailed and restricted appropriations it can remove them from government jobs.



Rep. Rankin

Honest Waitress Gets \$5 Reward

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 25 (P)—Winifred Clark, a waitress, found a handbag today and turned it over to the manager of the cafeteria where she works.

The owner was traced through a c-banna card found in the purse, along with \$4000 in jewels.

When the bag and jewels were returned, the owner gave Miss Clark a crisp five-dollar bill.

High School Youths Held in Slaying of Philadelphia Officer

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25 (P)—Two Long Branch, N.J., High School Sophomores were held today in connection with the fatal beating and shooting of a Philadelphia policeman and James C. Riley, Wilmington, Del., police inspector, said one of the youths signed a statement admitting the slaying.

Detective Lieutenant James A. Kelly identified the youths as Aaron Gore Jr., 15, Long Branch, and Keith Donaldson, 15, Elberon, N.J. No charges have been filed yet, Kelly said, pending a decision as to whether to follow the regular juvenile court procedure or to take the two before a magistrate and seek to have them held for grand jury indictment.

The body of Patrolman Henry J. Hicks, 39, was found early Tuesday near the precinct station to which he was assigned. Hicks was beaten by his own nightstick and shot with his service pistol. Police reported. A Navy veteran, he was the father of six children.

Wilmington Inspector Riley told Philadelphia police Gore was arrested in the Delaware city yesterday on the tip of a motorist who picked up the youth and several companions. Riley quoted the motorist as saying Gore boasted "I made the headlines by killing that cop up in Philly," and later Gore signed a statement saying he killed Hicks.

Riley said Gore's statement gave this version: Gore and Donaldson had started to hitchhike to Florida and asked directions of Patrolman Hicks upon their arrival in Philadelphia.

Hicks learned they planned to head south and said the "best place for you fellows is at home" on Christmas eve.

Hicks also told the youths, "Come along to the station house and I'll get in touch with your families. If they don't send the money to get you home I'll manage to get it for you."

Gore pulled out a German luger and Hicks, trying to brush aside the pistol, clashed with the youth. The trigger was pulled and Hicks fell to the ground. Gore grabbed Hicks' service pistol and fired another shot at the policeman. Donaldson beat Hicks with the officer's own nightstick after the patrolman fell.

Gore and Donaldson then separated.

Detective Kelly said Donaldson was picked up at his home where his parents turned him over to police.

BUILDING BOOM IN 1947 SEEN BY OFFICIALS

Construction Program To Cost 22 Billions, Commerce Body Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (P)—Industry and Government officials tonight forecast record-smashing construction activity in 1947, the Commerce department predicting nearly \$22,000,000,000 worth of building of all kinds.

The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., agreeing that builders would hit the \$20,000,000,000 mark, estimated \$15,000,000,000 would be in new construction, the rest in long-delayed repair and maintenance work.

This would far exceed the previous peak in 1942, when the great race for military installations and war plants was in full swing and the Government was doing two-thirds of the building.

Private industry now is performing nearly 80 percent of all construction, which this year will amount to about \$15,000,000,000, according to the Commerce department.

Its construction division, at work on detailed analyses of the 1947 outlook for issuance next week, said it now appears the total will run between \$21,500,000,000 and \$22,000,000,000 in the new year and that housing will account for about 40 percent of the total.

The division chief, John L. Haynes, reported a fortnight ago that about 1,000,000 new houses and apartments would be included in the 1947 construction total. This is far below the goal of 1,700,000 starts set by former Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt, but a division spokesman said next year would bring more completions and a greater proportion of new, permanent dwellings, with less emphasis on trailers, temporary units and remodeling jobs.

The Associated General Contractors, representing 4000 firms over the country, said housing would benefit from the dropping of Federal regulations and the promised relaxation of restrictions on commercial and industrial building.

"Last year the construction industry was hindered by both the shortage of materials and the multitude of government regulations," said a spokesman in an informal report approved by the president, Warren S. Bellows, Houston, Tex.

"It is cheaper to build when you get the materials you need at the time you want them. Any increase in building costs from now on should not be more than relative to the increase in the general cost.

The contractors' group also forecast a rise in state, local and Federal public works, ending a delay brought about by the fact that many cities have rejected all bids on many jobs in the past year because of high costs. With the flow of materials assured, the spokesman said, contractors can figure costs more closely and will not have to add amounts to cover delays and unforeseeable expenses.

More serum needed for quake victims

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 25 (P)—More serum, blankets and clothing were requested for Fukushima today as U. S. Army investigators in the field reported that southern Japanese city was among the hardest hit in Saturday's earthquake and tidal wave.

The city first was reported to have escaped without a casualty but Army investigators said there were 237 dead and 125 injured seriously in that city on Shikoku's eastern coast.

Quick relief was believed to have minimized the possibility of epidemics anywhere in the disaster zone, including Shingu, on the hard-hit eastern shore of Wakayama peninsula, where 14,000 were homeless. A tank landing ship, loaded with necessities, had reached Shingu.

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Kind-Hearted Judge Sends Prisoners Home

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 25 (P)—City Judge Clifford J. Chipman celebrated Christmas and his birthday today by passing out cigarettes, reading the story of the Nativity to 54 prisoners and then suspending sentences of 50 of them.

"Boys, I'm sorry to see you here today," he told the group, most of whom were charged with disorderly conduct or intoxication. "Since it's Christmas day and my birthday, too, I am suspending sentence on most of you. Go home and enjoy the holiday with your families."

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Here's First Christmas Card



For built me a bridge of the kindest thoughts
Over the ocean so wide
Put off good wishes keep rushing across
From this to the other side.
DECEMBER, 1947

The first personalized greeting card ever sent out at the Christmas season, has been discovered in the Norcross collection in New York. The card was that of Annie Oakley, the famous marksman.

More Serum Needed For 'Quake Victims'

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 25 (P)—More serum, blankets and clothing were requested for Fukushima today as U. S. Army investigators in the field reported that southern Japanese city was among the hardest hit in Saturday's earthquake and tidal wave.

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Comedian W. C. Fields Dies In California Sanitarium at 66

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 25 (P)—W. C. Fields, the bulbous-nosed comedian whose deadpan gestures, raspy remarks and "never give a sucker an even break" characterizations made him a showman beloved the nation over, died today. He was 66.

The man who was born Claude William Dukanfield in Philadelphia Jan. 29, 1880, succumbed at Las Encinas sanitarium, where he had been a patient for 14 months. Death occurred at 12:33 p. m. He had been critically ill for several weeks.

Fields' appreciation of good liquor and his reported fabulous capacity for it became practically his trademark, especially in quips and jokes on radio shows such as his famous feuding appearances with Edgar Bergen's Charlie McCarthy.

He was equally well known in show business for his ad libbing and complete disregard for prepared scripts, either in the movies or radio. Once he said that the only lines he followed truly were those of Charles Dickens.

Fields left home and school at 11, existed for four years on odd jobs and then, having practiced juggling for as much as 16 hours a day, got his first job in show business at a Summer park in Norristown, Pa., at \$5 a week.

He went into vaudeville and after tours abroad came under the banner of Florenz Ziegfeld. In the Ziegfeld Follies, Fields worked for ten years with such illustrious name comedians as Eddie Cantor, Ed Wynn, Will Rogers, Fanny Brice and Bert Williams.

Then in 1924 D. W. Griffith, producing "Sally of the Sawdust" as a film version of Fields' stage show, "Poppy," persuaded "W. C." to take the silent movie role.

Thereafter his movie successes were legion, interspersed with trips back to Broadway and followed by innumerable radio appearances. His hobbies included golf, billiards and sleeping late.



W. C. FIELDS

Baron Rothschild Passes in Europe

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (P)—Baron Robert De Rothschild, 65, died today of pneumonia in Lausanne, Switzerland, it was reported here by A. L. Beinstock, attorney for the family.

Baron De Rothschild, until his retirement as a partner of De Rothschild Freres of Paris, shared the leadership of the House of Rothschild with his cousin, Baron Edouard De Rothschild.

The baron had resided in the United States from 1940, when he came here following the invasion of France, until early this year.

In addition to following the family tradition in banking and financial fields, the baron was a leader in the cultural, philanthropic and social life of France before World War II.

His two sons, the Barons Alain and Elie De Rothschild, succeeded to his interests in the House of Rothschild following his recent retirement.

His wife, the Baroness Nelly Beer De Rothschild, died in January 1945. Funeral services were to be held in Lausanne.

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Chinese Assembly Formally Adopts New Constitution

NANKING, Dec. 25 (P)—After a decade of delay caused by war and internal discord, China has a new constitution which vests sovereignty in the people and guarantees their rights.

The document was formally adopted today by the National Assembly, still minus representatives of an important segment of the peoples — the Communists who have split with the Central government.

A coalition government, instead of the present one-party rule, will be set up under the new charter, which becomes effective a year from today.

Whether the Communists would be represented in that new all-party government remained for the new year to develop. They were reported to be strengthening their organization for the protracted contest with the Nationalist government and indications from Yenan, Red capital, were that there was no suggestion of any party dissolution.

John Roderick, Associated Press correspondent who has spent several months in Yenan, reported from there, that the powerful Communist politbureau had been enlarged to include three new Manchurian members.

This was interpreted as a recognition of the importance of Manchuria in the party's political framework, and as notice to Chiang Kai-Shek that the Reds have no intention of quitting Manchuria.

Roderick reported that while the politbureau members for Manchuria nominally are in control there, the actual leader is Gen. Lin Biao, who is not a member of the policy group.

The bureau functions during periods between the Central committee sessions.

WAR VETERAN KILLED

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 25 (P)—Roy Hostetler, 21, of Balsinger, a veteran wearing three battle stars and the purple heart, was killed today when his brother's car crashed into a pole near McClellandtown.

A discarded chenille bedspread can be made into a charming brunch coat, jacket or robe.

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- 40c Fletcher's Castoria, Regular, 31c
- 65c Bisodol Antacid Powder . . . 49c
- \$1.00 Pepto-Bismol, 10 Ounces . 89c
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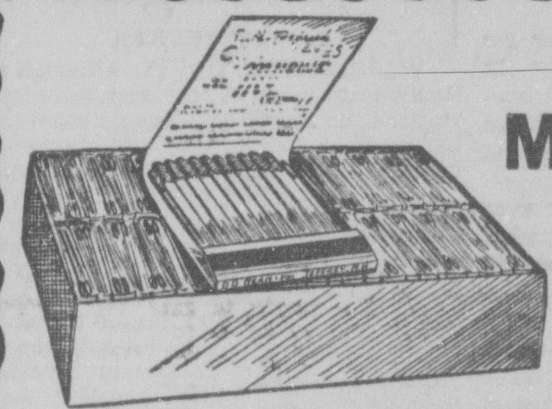
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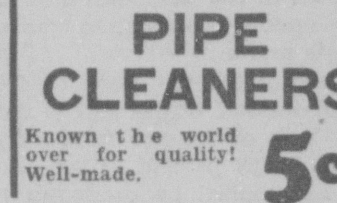
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1946

The hardest trial of the heart is, whether it can bear a rival's failure without triumph.—Aikin.

Still Seal Time
THERE may have been one little thing you overlooked over the holiday:

You still may use those "Christmas seals" on New Year's cards or gifts. They're really not "Christmas seals," you know. They're tuberculosis seals — for your pennies help in the fight against the "white plague."

Nobody can tell where this dread killer will strike next. It is no respecter of persons. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, the palace and the hovel are not immune. Who knows? Tomorrow, next month, next year, tuberculosis may strike down a member of your family.

Medical science has been winning the fight against this disease, but there is much yet to be done. Your use of "Christmas seals" helps along the good work.

Your checks for seals will be received graciously by the Pottstown District Seal committee, in care of the Family Welfare society. And you still may buy "Christmas seals" this week! Do both now!

Christmas Tree

AS YOU sit there today and glance fondly at it, have you considered that the Christmas tree is an evocative visitor? Summer, the deep woods and holidays past float across the inward eye as the spicy fragrance of balsam permeates the house.

Almost as old as man must be this custom of taking some of his pleasant outdoor world into his winter shelter. Evergreen decorations were so much a part of pagan life that Bishop Martin of Brocol in 575 forbade the use of greenery and "other dangerous customs." But by the 16th century Christmas hedges again had taken up the practice.

One legend has it that Martin Luther got the idea of the Christmas tree on a starlit night. To simulate the beauty of that evening for his young son, he carried a spruce tree home and decorated it with stars and candles.

In ancient England, yew and hemlock were indoor festoons. Mistletoe, full of magical properties in Druid lore, had an honored place at midwinter festivals.

Down to the present, man attests his unity with nature in similar manner. Hanging ornaments on the Christmas tree, he takes part in a tradition so meaningful, so joyous in its simplicity, so satisfying to his senses and his spirit that surely no modern invention ever can usurp its place.

Prospects for Sugar

EVERY housewife who uses sugar in any large amount can testify she isn't getting all she could use. Sugar is one of the most important foods in the American diet. Before the war, the annual consumption was around 100 pounds per person.

Sugar is one of the few essential foods of which the continental United States does not produce the bulk of its own needs. Previous to World War II, 28 percent of the sugar we consumed was supplied by producers in the United States who were protected by a tariff. The remainder, 72 percent, was supplied by offshore areas — chiefly Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines.

This year there is a short world sugar crop. World production in 1938 was 33,067,635 tons; in 1946 about 27,196,000 tons. While production in the western hemisphere may be a million tons greater than a year ago, this has been offset by declines elsewhere in the world.

For us, the decline in output will reduce supplies available for consumption to less than 5.6 million tons, as compared with more than six million tons in 1945.

Scarcity of the crystallized sweetness is due to widespread devastation in sugar producing areas and the slowness in restoring output. Greater production is expected next year—perhaps a world crop of 32 million tons, nearly up to 1938. However, the war also has served to stimulate world demand for sugar, so we can expect the supply to be short for at least two or three more years. The situation gradually will ease as the world supply catches up to demand, but it will take some time.

To boost production (largely beet sugar) in the continental United States, the department of agriculture has raised support prices for domestic sugar another dollar a ton, giving beet sugar producers \$14.50 a ton for their 1947 crop.

Grampaw Oakley

PUNKIN CORNERS, December 25.
Editor, The Mercury,
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal, I see by the papers where in an eastern city a sudden gust of wind blew a 13-year-old boy several feet. At first neighbors, no doubt, must have thought he had been playing with his Christmas gift chemistry set.

There's a lot of agitation to soften the foot of railroad whistles. But I don't agree with it. Somehow there doesn't seem to be anything romantic about a Chattanooga Shih-Shih!

And say: A Canadian girl reports she got over the cigaret habit by learning to smoke cigars. In giving up cigars she may find a cornucopia of good health.

Hopin' you air the same,
GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

READERS SAY:

Let Government Operate All Public Utilities

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By MERCURY READERS

Nationalization to Stop Strikes

To the Editor: It is about time we people of the United States get some sense and stop this quibbling, which brings so much misery and want in the land of plenty.

We did not hesitate at the prospect of a \$400,000,000,000 war debt.

Should we hesitate at, say, \$400,000,000,000 more for the Federal Government to purchase and operate all utilities which in times of strife strangle the national economic system, viz. the coal mines, railroads, power, telephone and telegraph companies and oil resources?

Of course the cry of Socialism would be heard. It's not Socialism, it's common sense.

No one wants the Government to control all business, but the very lifeblood of our nation is too valuable to be left in the hands of a few profit-seeking individuals or power-hungry union leaders.

The time for the decision is now.

Pottstown HAD ENOUGH

Chutes for Fire Trapped

To the Editor: The great number of lives lost recently in those appalling hotel fires can be substantially reduced if the law required each hotel to install immediately those chute life-saving devices.

Affixed to several windows on each floor, they can be the means of evacuating hundreds in a matter of minutes—and even seconds. Sliding to safety would be the quickest way to save lives.

What better argument for their installation can I have than those Atlanta hotel pictures showing men, women and children trapped at windows on every floor with no means of escape open to them, and facing the prospect of an alternative of either burning to death or jumping to death.

If there is a shortage of materials, why not utilize all surplus army tents and canvas for the purpose of making these chutes available? They could be chemically treated to make them non-inflammable and water-repellent.

Action today will save lives tomorrow.

Pottstown L. S. T.

Washington

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—Although the Republicans have fought and technically violated the Hatch Act since its enactment ten years or so ago, they will oppose the demand of its authors for immediate repeal and modification of the "clean politics" law.

The GOP-ers concede that the New Mexico Senator's legislation has not prevented or even lessened the use of money in American politics, and they doubt whether any statute can abolish such an ancient custom.

Like the Democrats, they have evaded the provisions that no individual shall contribute more than \$5,000, and that each political committee shall raise no more than \$3,000,000 in a campaign.

But the law has proved fairly effective in preventing federal officials below a policy-making status from participating in partisan battles. Civil service workers, even though the commission has winked at violations, are less willing to do chores around election time for fear they may lose their jobs.

ASSET: Inasmuch as the Democrats still hold at least 90 percent of these 3,000,000 posts in the federal government, the Republicans want to retain the prohibition against their participation in party activity through the next presidential campaign.

It will force the opposition to pay out real money for headquarters clerks, errand boys, typists, pamphlet folders, and leave them so much less cash for the more important work of hauling in the votes.

Since price inflation has increased the cost of running political offices, clubs and headquarters, this item of maintenance and election-day operation will have more importance in 1948 than ever before. And the GOP thinks that the Hatch Act's ban on government workers' electioneering will prove to be a definite asset in the next presidential contest.

WILLING: Republican cynics also suspect that Senator Hatch was talking with a partisan tongue in his cheek when he volunteered his post-election admission that the law was a "phony." They link it with the suggestion of George E. Killian, Democratic national treasurer, that the federal government finance the political expenditures of the two major parties.

Hatch and Killian, they point out, were only too willing to enact and to try to enforce the law when the Democrats controlled the federal government, with its vast expenditures for WPA, PWA and AAA subsidies, as well as the billions poured out to war contractors.

The Bill investigation, and it is not an isolated instance, shows that the beneficiaries from federal awards usually took care of their friends on Capitol Hill.

Now that there is a prospect that the GOP may win the White House in 1948, together with the further fact that the war chest is practically empty, the Democrats want to return to the free-and-easy methods of pre-New Deal days. Such, at least, is the Republican reaction to the Hatch-Killian program, and it explains why the GOP wants to keep these "idealistic reform" measures on the books until after the 1948 election, anyway.

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INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Chinese Split Widens, War Truce Not Expected

By JAMES D. WHITE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHINA has adopted a new constitution.

It is a democratic document, slated to go into effect next Christmas.

A great deal however, can happen before then. It is not at all difficult to imagine that the undeclared civil war now going on may not be settled by Dec. 25, 1947, and that the constitution could not be put into effect because of it. Until it is, China's destiny remains in the hands of the governing party, the Kuomintang, which has held it since 1927.

The "National Assembly" which adopted this constitution lacked Communist and some third party representation, which stayed away of its own accord for its own reasons.

Meanwhile, the draft submitted by the Kuomintang government was practically the same as the one written by an all-party conference early this year. It was still a democratic document, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally pushed it through the assembly and vetoed off all attempts by both reactionaries and liberals to write in changes.

Thus the next time he invites the Communists to come into a coalition government on his terms they will have weaker arguments for refusing. This will be even truer if in the meantime he reforms his interim government as wide-spread reports say he intends to do.

That the Communists will refuse, however, is hardly to be doubted.

Yesterday came word from their capital at Yanan that they have expanded their powerful governing council, the politbureau, to include three new members from Manchuria.

Although the new members are in Manchuria and therefore are cut off from meetings, this news is important because of past reports that the Manchurian Communists, tending to come more and more under the influence of Soviet Russia, were threatening to split off from the older Yanan group.

In Yanan yesterday it was reported there was no evidence of such a split.

The three Manchurians, however, are strangers in the news. Their names—Kao K'ang, Chen Yun, and Peng Chen—are unfamiliar. As the really prominent Chinese Communists are well-known, these names would appear to belong to heretofore unknown Manchurians and might suggest that Yanan may be coddling its Manchurian wing in some way.

In any case, the party is presenting a solid front, which makes the likelihood of a real approach with the Central government that much slimmer.

It may be Yanan's first answer to the new constitution which Nanking has gone ahead and written without Communist help.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

EDITH M., 26, is the mother of a baby girl, six months old.

"I've been reasonably happy in marriage," she announced, "but I could be much happier if my husband would be a little more considerate. When my baby was born, I had a difficult time, and the doctors ordered me to do nothing for three months except tend the baby."

"So I hired a girl for \$8 per week, but the husband complained about the cost, so I had to let her go after a fortnight. I've done all of the work since then, and I can feel the ill effects."

"But I wouldn't mind if he really couldn't afford to pay the hired girl. He makes a good salary, however, so we could easily keep her."

"I've tried to be a good wife. I don't nag him. He comes and goes as he pleases, and spends money for whatever he wishes."

"But I do miss little attentions. He doesn't even remember my birthday, or our wedding anniversary or Christmas! I have to tell him, and then he may not even send me a greeting card!"

"Sometimes I may be cross, but afterward I always apologize, which is more than he ever does. Dr. Crane, I try so hard to please him, and it seems so terrible that two young people like us cannot be pals even though we are married. What is wrong with us?"

In grammar school, pupils must maintain a minimum average of 70 or 75 in order barely to pass.

It would be well if husbands and wives could likewise receive a monthly report card on which their averages were recorded as regards success in matrimony.

I didn't get a chance to meet Edith's husband and talk to him. And it is rather difficult to work on him through her, especially as he seems to disregard her wishes so freely.

I trust you readers can appreciate the dilemma we doctors are in when the patients we should treat are not the ones who come to our offices.

In any other game of life we have a rule book and the players must be well versed in the regulations, else they are not allowed to play. But in marriage a young couple can wed without any qualification other than a license.

Edith's husband apparently doesn't understand the simplest elementary rules for husbands. As she described him, he is an introverted, self-centered person, which explains his lack of attention to her needs.

He isn't deliberately cruel, but just thoughtlessly so. He doesn't see his side of the case at all. And when Edith tries to explain her views, he laughs them off by saying she is looking for trouble.

In situations like this, even when I disguise the problem and put the interview into a case record, that same husband may calmly read about himself, yet think I refer to some other fellow down the street.

When he is so self-centered that he cannot see obvious errors in his husbandly technique, I don't count too strongly on his absorbing advice via these daily case records.

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Space limitations prevent my publishing this 100-point "Test for Husbands" but I shall gladly mail a copy to any husband or wife who sends a 3c stamped envelope, plus a dime.

All prospective brides and grooms should have a copy. Many divorce court judges and clergymen are routinely using this test to help lessen our alarming divorce rate.

SENATOR CLOGHORN



In Hollywood

By JIMMIE FIDLER

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 25—What's Jackie Coogan going to do for New Year's resolutions? He took the pledge August 1, and is still riding the wagon...

When Howard de Silva arrives in New York next week, he'll be guest of honor at a "Wrong Guess" party. Paying the bill will be other members of the original "Okla-homa" cast, who strongly advised him against giving up his role in that show to try for "dubious" movie success...

Did you read that English critic's thumbnail review of Van Johnson's current picture? He contented himself with "No Leave, No Love, No Comment!"

Reports that the Southern California Conference of Churches gave a clean bill of health to the script of "Heaven Only Knows" are not exactly true. The churchmen ruled that Bob Cummings, playing an angel returned to earth, shouldn't smoke cigarettes!

We see that Ken Niles, announcer for the Fidler weekly radio program, has been signed to play a corpse in RKO's "Out of the Past." Type-casting, no doubt — the result of studio scouts seeing him just after he's listening to one of your broadcasts...

Anten new men in the studio fold, Father William McGuire, who authored that famous line, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," has been linked by a major studio to act as technical adviser on all religious matters in its films...

Look for an early-in-1947 exchange of "I do's" between Burt Lancaster and Norma Anderson, a New York secretary.

Here's a Christmas story worth telling. Seven years ago today, Kirk Douglas, then a struggling young actor in New York, was broke and hungry—so hungry that he finally pocketed his pride, went to the Bowery, and stood in line at a mission there to get a free meal.

He didn't get it because the mission ran out of food before he could be served. This year he made arrangements with a mission in downtown Los Angeles to feed eight down-and-outers at his expense.

Don't be surprised if Ingrid Bergman is in the title role when Hal Wallis screens the life story of Lola Montez, scheduled for next Fall...

Lizabeth Scott will return to England on completion of her stint in "I Walk Alone," to keep personal appearance dates she had so defer a few months ago when she was called back to Hollywood.

Add signs of the times: RKO, on the dead level, wants to buy two helicopters to hoist supplies and equipment to the lofty Alpine locations where "The White Tower" will be filmed...

Pals of Betty Grable, who will nail all screen work until next October due to a scheduled visit from Doc Stork, say that she's seriously thinking of complete retirement...

Santa Claus brought Robert Mitchum full star status and a super deluxe dressing room to match the new ratings.

Bridge

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

Start That Suit First
IN A LARGE proportion of all No Trump game hands, the most important factor to the declarer is starting play of his side's long suit at the earliest possible moment, before the side re-entries for it have been disturbed.

To do this will sometimes necessitate leading away from the honor cards which you would prefer to lead toward. Any trick or tricks sacrificed that way will often be more than outbalanced by the ones you develop on later rounds of the suit.

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|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| ♠ J 7 3 | ♥ A K 9 4 | ♦ K 10 6 | ♣ A 10 9 |
| ♠ 10 8 6 | ♥ J 10 7 5 | ♦ A Q 5 | ♣ K 9 4 2 |
| ♠ K J 7 5 2 | ♥ A Q 5 | ♦ 8 6 | ♣ J 7 5 3 2 |
| ♠ A Q 5 | ♥ 8 6 | ♦ J 7 5 3 2 | ♣ Q 8 6 |

(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1 NT | Pass | 1 NT | Pass |
| 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT | Pass |

West led his club 5 against that contract at two tables of a tournament, the 9 winning in each case. Both declarers saw at once that game could not be made except by developing some diamond tricks, so based their plan on scoring in that suit. But they went about it differently.

The first declarer took the spade Q finesse so he could lead toward the diamond K—something anybody would like to do if able, in playing that suit. After the A won, East returned his spade K to knock out South's A as an entry. The second diamond to the 10 fell to the Q.

South thereafter was able to get only one diamond trick, with the J, as East still stopped the suit. Three tricks in spades, plus two in hearts, two in clubs and the one in diamonds, made only eight, so declarer was down one.

The other declarer, after winning with the club 9, immediately led the diamond K. The A won, and East used his spade K to knock out the A. Then the diamond 3 to the 10 drove out the Q. The spade 2 was returned to the J and the diamond 6 led, East being allowed to win with the 8. South now was able to bring in the suit, getting two tricks in it, enough to make his game safe.

Tomorrow's Problem
♠ 10 8 6 3
♥ A 10 6 4
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ A 8 5 5

♠ K 4
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ K 10 3
♣ A 7

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

If the bidding is just 1-Heart, 2-Hearts, 4-Hearts, what would you lead in the West?

Pottstown Sketches

By PHILLIPS



All I know, Leonard Fegley, is that Uncle Fodick got a course on how to make money in ten easy lessons.

In Retrospect

50 Years Ago

December 26, 1896

HAT IN THE RING — Frederick H. Keiser announced himself as a candidate for Town council on the Democratic ticket from the Ninth ward.

EMPLOYEES FETED — A. P. Hittner, confectioner of 244 High street, tendered a banquet to his employees. Fourteen attended the party.

OFFICERS ELECTED — Lizzie Bergey was elected assistant councilor of Camp 5, P. O. at the organization's annual meeting. Annie Griesemer was named vice councilor and Annie Bergey was chosen assistant vice councilor. Hannah Russell was elected recording secretary with Ada Keim her assistant, and Annie Bell was named treasurer.

.25 Years Ago

December 26, 1921

MERCHANT THREATENED — Mike Kina, Stowe, was held under \$1500 bail by Justice of the Peace John March after Kina battered his way with an ax into the store of Samuel Estreicher and threatened the life of the merchant.

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE — Automobiles belonging to A. H. Longaker, 1031 Queen street, and Calvin Harp collided at High and Hanover street. Two wheels on Harp's car were smashed but Longaker's car was undamaged.

ENGAGEMENT REVEALED — The engagement of Miss Elizabeth C. Heil, daughter of Mrs. K. Heil, 425 Water street, to Earl J. Kienle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kienle, 417 Cherry street, was announced at a family dinner.

10 Years Ago

December 26, 1936

200 AT SNOW BALL — Two hundred persons made merry at the annual snow ball of the Young Women's club at the Elks. The grand march was led by Mrs. Robert J. Stephens, club president.

CHRISTMAS BRIDE — Miss Annabelle F. Hartline, daughter of Mrs. John Nester, Boyertown, became the bride yesterday of Paul V. Werner, Boyertown, in St. Joseph's Lutheran (Hill) church.

LETTY MOSER SIGNED — Homer "Letty" Moser, leading pitcher in the Boyertown Industrial baseball league the past season, was signed for the St. Louis National league baseball team by Charles Kelchner, St. Louis scout.

Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

Things Haven't Changed At All

VAN JOHNSON made Page One news some days ago when he allied himself with Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and George Sanders in protesting against the "hoodlum" antics of New York bobby-soxers who congregate in hotel lobbies, at the doorways of "21" and the Stork Club and on the sidewalks outside legitimate theaters, on the prow for cinema celebrities.

Van got indignant at their "lack of manners and tact," not to say the way some of them are inclined to push, claw and maul, and he sighed that things were never as bad as they are now.

That must have furnished a few laughs to citizens who were bobby-soxers themselves around 1910 when the movies were very young. At that time, one of the leading glamour lights was a girl rhythmically named Florence Lawrence, who was under contract to Carl Laemmle. Somehow a rumor that Miss Lawrence had been killed in an automobile accident in St. Louis blew across the country and reached amazing proportions.

Laemmle was attacked by a sudden bright idea. He called in his press agent and ordered that Florence Lawrence and King Baggett (who was his leading male star) be sent to St. Louis to prove that the reports were untrue.

This constituted the first "personal appearance" in flicker history. The news of the stars' arrival was widely publicized.

When they got off the train in St. Louis, thousands of movie fans surged toward them, ripping their clothes and pawing their persons. Miss Lawrence fainted dead away, was revived in 20 minutes, sighed briefly and passed out again. (This is all a matter of record.) Finally she insisted she would not go a step further from the railroad station unless she was given adequate police protection.

Sophisticated writing gentlemen of the Sunday drama sections and the less starchy-eyed magazines have written pieces recently in which they poked fun at Hollywood for high-pressure publicity campaigns featuring "dumb" performers such as "Lassie" and "Bess the Horse." Yet to many of these scribbles a film, directed by Ernst Lubitsch usually seems to be the epitome of screen worldliness and wit. That makes the following interesting:

Back in 1921, a European director named Lubitsch was pleading with the executives of Warners-First National that he be given a chance to supervise a film of his own. After considerable discouragement he was at last told: "We are about to release a film in which we have quite a large investment. If it makes enough money we'll gamble on letting you direct a picture for us."

The picture turned out to be a box-office winner. On the strength of that, Lubitsch was given the go-ahead to do his first American picture: "Gypsy Blood." And do you know who was the star of that film which decided the Lubitsch megaphoning career? It was the "Lassie" of that era — "Rin-Tin-Tin!"

And here's a P. S.: the name of the man who wrote that original Rin-Tin-Tin yarn was Darryl F. Zanuck.

In exploiting the forthcoming Tyrone Power film, "Captain From Castile," the 20th Century Fox press corps found it expedient to relay the information that "a survey of American artists had picked Power as the Hollywood star combining the greatest amount of feminine appeal."

Back in 1924, the famous Argentine artist Bartolome de Mako visited this country, went to Hollywood and decided that Antonio Moreno was "the actor with the greatest amount of lure for

Study of Aluminum Planned at Lehigh

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25 (P) — The Aluminum Company of America will undertake a research project at Lehigh university to further study thermal and electrical properties of aluminum and its alloys.

Dr. Harvey A. Neville, director of Lehigh's institute of research, said the project will be under the direction of Dr. Charles C. Bidwell, professor of physics.

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Citizenship Legislation Sells Canadians Apart From British Empire January 1

OTTAWA, Dec. 25 (P) — The Canadian Citizenship act, the first piece of legislation aimed at clearly defining the status of Canadians as citizens of this dominion, becomes effective Jan. 1, 1947, with the official hope that it eventually will lead to a greater feeling of national pride.

The act, passed at the last session of Parliament, deals broadly with the subject of nationalization and the status of aliens and defines "natural-born Canadian citizens" and citizens "other than natural born" and also sets forth the grounds upon which citizenship may be forfeited.

In effect, the act also is a consolidation of other measures dealing with immigration and naturalization of aliens.

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In one sense, the legislation has been regarded as a companion piece to legislative action still under way to select a distinctive Canadian flag and may be the forerunner to steps to determine a distinctive Canadian anthem.

One of its effects upon proclamation will be that all British subjects resident in Canada at Jan. 1 automatically will become citizens of Canada.

After that date, British subjects and aliens coming to Canada must wait five years before they can become citizens and receive citizenship certificates. Unlike aliens, British subjects will not have to make a court appearance.

The act marks a final step in the development of Canada's nationhood and effective independence for its 12,000,000 people.

Although completely self-governing for many years, Canadians hitherto were identified in the eyes of the world by their status of "British subjects."

When they travel abroad, Canadians will now carry passports stamped with the words "Canadian citizen." At the same time, they will continue to enjoy the benefits accruing to British subjects traveling throughout the world, particularly within the British commonwealth of nations.

Canadians have not been "subject" to Great Britain for many years, pay no taxes to Britain, elect their own parliament, and enjoy complete independence in the conduct of their domestic and foreign affairs.

The first Canadian citizenship ceremony will be held in the Supreme court chambers here Jan. 3 when a number of residents of alien stock will receive certificates at a gathering attended by Prime Minister MacKenzie King and other national leaders.

The ceremony will mark the opening of Canadian citizenship week.

Newspaperman's Club Destroyed by Blaze

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25 (P) — The three-story headquarters of the Pen and Pencil club, oldest newspapermen's club in the country, was virtually destroyed by a two-alarm fire early today.

Firemen said the flames broke out on the first floor about two hours after patrons and employees had left. Many irreplaceable paintings, cartoons and autographed portraits of scores of celebrities who visited the club since it was chartered in 1892 were destroyed.

No one was injured in the blaze which required more than two hours to bring under control.

Damage to the building was unestimated but firemen said they believed it would be in excess of \$10,000. The club estimated loss to equipment and furnishings at approximately \$10,000.

Demos' Choice



Martin H. Kennelly (above), 59-year-old business and civic leader, is the choice of Chicago Democrats and Mayor Edward J. Kelly to succeed the 70-year-old Kelly as chief of the nation's second largest city.

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Teachers to Discuss Request to End Strike

SHAMOKIN, Dec. 25 (P) — Coal township's 90 striking teachers have called a meeting to act on a request by Dr. Francis B. Haas, State superintendent of public instruction, that they "return to their duties."

In identical letters to John M. Mangle, president of the union, and Dr. D. T. Miesberger, school superintendent, Haas upheld the contention of the School board that the Northumberland county township is financially unable to meet the teachers pay demands, and added:

"I hope the teachers will see fit to return to their duties in order that the children may no longer be deprived of educational opportunity." The township schools, with an enrollment of 2400 students, have been closed since Dec. 2.

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rationing of many products to the country at large. In spite of the fact that grain quotas have been largely restored, Budweiser still is being rationed, because your demand still exceeds the production of our present vast facilities.

So that you will find Budweiser again wherever you ask for it, our post-war expansion program will get under way just as soon as building skills and materials are available.

Meanwhile, each day sees Budweiser arriving in communities everywhere to supply dealers equitably if not abundantly.

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Saar Customs Barrier Opposed by Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 25 (AP) — Political parties of Eastern Germany voiced strong opposition today to the French action in establishing a customs frontier around the Saar.

The official French explanation that the operation was an anti-blackmarket measure and a move to insure the Saar miners more food was viewed with suspicion by German politicians and the Russian-controlled section of the Berlin press.

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Sleepy Colleen From Ireland



Almost everyone on board the liner Washington was excited when the ship arrived at New York except little Maxine Brady, 1, who missed all the excitement by sleeping through it with her little doll. Maxine came all the way from Ireland with her parents, who are en route to Detroit to make their home in the auto city.

French Parachutist Regiment Heads for Indo-China Revolt

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AP) — France acted to strengthen her hand on both the political and military fronts today in Indo-China where the Christmas was darkened by continued fighting with ardent Nationalists among the 24,000,000 natives determined upon full independence.

The first French parachutist regiment embarked from North Africa for the disturbed overseas empire aboard the cruiser Duquesne. Two battalions of Foreign Legion troops already were on the way as reinforcements.

France's foremost expert on mobile warfare, Gen. Philippe Leclerc, was flying toward the storm center as a special emissary of the government of Socialist Leon Blum to take charge of all military operations to reestablish order and French authority. Leclerc colorful hero of North African desert operations during the war, was acting under direct orders from the Chief of Staff for National Defense, Gen. Alphonse Juin.

Colonial Minister Mariu s Moutet also arrived in Saigon, the capital of so-far peaceful southern Indo-China, at the head of a special fact-finding mission which is to report back to the Blum Government within two weeks on steps for restoring peace.

Adm. Georges Thierry D'Argen-tius, French high commissioner for Indo-China, told the inhabitants in a Christmas Day message quoted by the French Press Agency that France would not give them the complete independence demanded by Viet-Nam.

The Admiral, who was just returned to Saigon from conferences in Paris with President Blum and other officials, said independence would be "a fiction" which would "gravely prejudice" the interests of both France and Indo-China. He pledged, however, that France would respect agreements for local self-government.

(A Manila dispatch quoted travelers arriving there from Bangkok, Siam, as saying former German prisoners of war who joined the French Foreign Legion for duty in Indo-China, were deserting the French forces in the current fighting.)

Meager reports on the military situation to the French press said Hanoi, former capital of the Viet-Nam government of President Ho Chi Minh, had been completely occupied by French forces.

A French general staff communique issued at Saigon said numerous Japanese fighting in the Viet-Nam ranks committed suicide as they fell back from Hanoi toward Hue to the south.

This French column, however, was meeting "very lively" resistance, the communique said, with Viet-Nam defenses showing evidence of having been expertly prepared probably with technical advice from former Japanese officers.

The French Press Agency said the body of a Japanese captain in uniform was found among the large number of Viet-Nam killed at Nam Dinh.

A French column was advancing to the relief of a garrison cut off at Hai Duong and besieged, the communique said. The general staff denied the 2000 French troops had surrendered at Nam Binh and Bac Ninh.

Spitfire fighter bombers finally had been used to put out of action Viet-Nam artillery — a battery of French 75's captured by the Japanese in 1941 — which had been shelling Hanoi for days.

Military reports from Hanoi said the French were "extending their control" everywhere in Tonkin, the northernmost province of Indo-China, but acknowledged that the troops were encountering fierce sniper fire and well-placed mines and booby traps. Many Japanese were reported in action with the Viet-Nam.

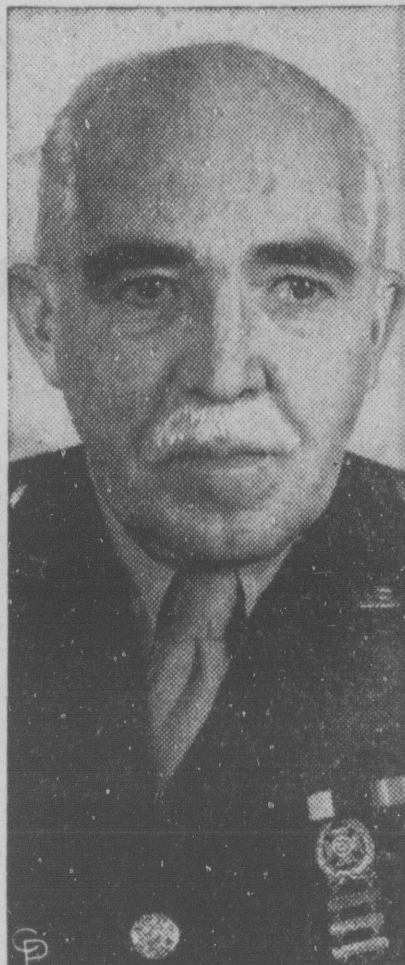
At Namdinh, 50 miles south of Hanoi, delayed reports said the French had captured the town hall, postoffice and police headquarters. French troops were reported fighting toward Huo, 350 miles south of Hanoi, and pushing out to the west and east. Langson on the Chinese border also was the objective of a northward push.

The revolt in the interior was reflected at Mouling, 170 miles southeast of Paris, where 300 Indo-Chinese serving with the French Army went on a Christmas Day hunger strike in protest against France's course.

The troops attempted to march on the Perfector, carrying banners calling upon "Democrats" among the French people to recognize Viet-Nam aspirations. Police intervened and the troops dispersed quietly, said the French Press Agency.

Several hundred Viet-Namers at Bordeaux, who live in the suburbs

'Controls' Boss



Having abolished the OPA, the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and several other wartime agencies, President Truman has created the Office of Temporary Controls, with Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming (above) as its head. He was head of FWA.

there, also were dispersed by police when they attempted to hold a demonstration in the streets.

Jean Sainteny, French commissioner for Tonkin, who was wounded in the head in the first outbreak at Hanoi, meanwhile continued to improve and resumed his duties from his bed.

He told reporters he was wounded when a machinegun carrier in which he was riding was blown up by a mine.

Three Burn to Death Waiting for Santa

BELLEFONT, Dec. 25 (AP)—Three small children were burned to death last night as they lay in their bedroom waiting for Santa Claus, when a two-story frame house at nearby Chestnut Grove was razed by fire.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parsons, and a brother, Carl, 11, escaped from the blaze but lay in the Centre County Hospital here today in critical condition, suffering from burns, exposure and shock.

Boyetown Classified

Deaths

GEHRIS—At Huffs church on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1946, Frank, husband of the late Mary (Rader) Gehris, aged 79 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the service from the Schwenk Funeral Home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown on Thursday at 2 p. m. Interment Huffs Church cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday evening 7 to 9 p. m. (Schwenk)

DOTTERER—In Bechtelsville on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1946, Mamie G. (Haas) wife of Griffith Dotterer, aged 58 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the Moyer Funeral Home, Bechtelsville, on Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Further service at Hill church, Interment Hill Church cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday 7 to 9 p. m. (Moyer)

MERCER—In Pottstown hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1946, Mary E. (Fisher) wife of David W. Mercer, aged 40 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the Schwenk Funeral Home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Interment Fairview cemetery, Boyertown. Friends may call on Friday evening 7 to 9 p. m. (Schwenk)

DILLIPLANE—In Pottstown on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1946, Charles H. Dilliplane, 80 years, husband of the late Hettie (Swoyer) Dilliplane. Services at the convenience of the family from the Linwood W. Ott Funeral Home, Warwick St., Boyertown, Interment in Oley churches cemetery, Spangville. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9 p. m. at the funeral home. (Ott)

REITNAUER—In Boyertown on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1946, Annie S. (Hess) widow of the late Milton S. Reitnauer, aged 68 years. Relatives and friends are invited to service from Schwenk Funeral Home, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, on Monday at 1:30 p. m. Continued services in St. John's Lutheran church, Boyertown, Interment Hill Church cemetery. Friends may call on Sunday evening 7 to 9 p. m. (Schwenk)

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DEATHS - FUNERALS

MARY E. (FISHER) MERCER, 40, wife of David W. Mercer, 257 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET, died yesterday in the Pottstown hospital.

She was a native of Kenilworth, daughter of Lucetta R. (Quay) and the late Daniel W. Fisher and was a member of Good Shepherd Reformed church, Boyertown.

Besides her husband, and her mother of Kenilworth there survive three children, David Lee, Sarah Lou and John Franklin, all at home, also three brothers, John F. Pottstown, Merle L. Alexandria, Va., and Wesley U. Fisher, Kenilworth, Va.

Funeral services will be held from a funeral home, 124 West Philadelphia avenue Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Edward L. Schlingman, Lansdale, a former pastor of Good Shepherd Reformed church and the Rev. Trostle P. Dick, of Chambersburg, former pastor of Coventry Grethorn Church, will officiate.

Burial will be made in the Fairview cemetery.

ANNIE S. (HESS) REITNAUER, 68, widow of Milton B. Reitnauer, died yesterday at her home, 26 SOUTH CHESTNUT STREET. She was a native of District township, daughter of the late Ezra and Catharine (Schelzy) Hess and was a member of St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran church.

Her husband preceded her in death five years ago.

There survive three children, Katie, wife of Earl Clouser, Morysville; Calvin, at home and Earl, Boyertown; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, William, Esbach and John Bechtelsville, and a sister, Mamie, Bechtelsville.

Funeral services will be held from a funeral home, 124 West Philadelphia avenue, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Continued services in Hill Church, the Rev. Luther Lee Lengel, Lutheran pastor, officiating.

Burial will be made in the Hill Church cemetery.

CHARLES H. DILLIPLANE, 80, PLEASANTVILLE, died suddenly at his home. He was a son of the late James and Catharine Ann (Hertzog) Dilliplane.

He was a member of Independent Order of America, of Landis Store.

He is survived by these children: Samuel, Springville, New York; Verma, wife of George Griesemer, Mantawny; Mabel, wife of Charles Enoch, Mt. Pain; Lizzie, wife of Frank DeTurk, Oley; Mary, wife of Earl Miller, Oley; Carrie, wife of Lester Renninger, Shanesville; Leah Mae, wife of James Y. Bechtel, Boyertown; William Dilliplane, Laureldale; twenty grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a brother, Calvin E. Yardley, Pa.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family from a Warwick street funeral home, Boyertown. The Rev. Hobart W. Tyson, pastor of Oley Lutheran church, will officiate.

Burial will be made in the Oley churches cemetery, Spangville.

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WEDDINGS

Miss Marjory E. Ritter, daughter of Mrs. Miriam Ritter, 302 East Philadelphia avenue, and Harold Wilmont Bashore, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bashore, 211 North Franklin street, were united in marriage yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in St. John's Lutheran church.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. David F. Longacre. The couple was attended by Alfred Bashore and Josephine Sinopolos.

Mrs. Bashore is a member of the Boyertown High school faculty and is also a graduate of the high school. Mr. Bashore is a graduate of the Boyertown High school and is attending the Perkiomen seminary at Pottstown.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the Boyer Towne inn. Following a wedding trip the couple will reside at 302 East Philadelphia avenue.

Miss Bertha Aletha Jamison, 103 South Chestnut street, and Calvin Milton Kochart, 103 South Chestnut street, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parsonage of St. John's Lutheran church.

The Rev. David F. Longacre, pastor, performed the single ring ceremony.

The couple were attended by Floyd T. Stahler and Anna M. Stahler. The newlyweds will reside at 103 South Chestnut street.

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Boyetown Couple To Visit Relatives

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Brushing is the best way to rub soiled places on blouses, underwear and other fabrics when washing these by hand. Rubbing often adds to wear, especially if the fabric is rayon.

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34 Persons Attend Family Dinner at Druckenmiller Home

Christmas day was observed at the home of Elma and Ada Druckenmiller, 350 Walnut street, Royersford with 34 attending a big family dinner yesterday.

Attending the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Druckenmiller and daughter, Miriam, Llanerch; Leroy Druckenmiller and sons, Ronald, home from his Army station, and Sheldon Druckenmiller, Spring City; Mr. and Mrs. Newton Walters and daughters, Marion and Jeanne; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walters, Mr. and Mrs. John Catermole and sons, Roger and Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Umstead and children, Grace and Clair.

Lodgemen Arrange Phoenixville Visit

Final plans will be made at a meeting of Vincent lodge IOOF to night at 8 o'clock for a visitation to Phoenix lodge, Phoenixville, one week from tonight.

The Spring City Odd Fellows will arrange tonight to attend the 100th anniversary of the Phoenixville lodge, to be held in the Junior High school, that brought next Thursday night. The affair will be preceded by a banquet at 6:30 o'clock, which will be followed by a program at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium, open to the public.

Sunday night, Jan. 5, lodgemen of the Spring City order will join Phoenix lodge to attend divine services in the First Baptist church, Phoenixville. They will meet in the Phoenix lodge hall at 7 p. m. and proceed to the church in a group. Members of Vincent lodge and Marcella Rebekah lodge of Spring City planning to attend were asked to meet at the lodge hall here no later than 6:30 o'clock.

After lodge session here tonight members of Vincent lodge will entertain Merion lodge, Gladysne, in a series of indoor baseball games.

War Veteran Killed In Highway Crash

Charles Miles, 37, Alameda, Calif., war veteran and husband of the former Anna Willauer, formerly of Spring City, was killed in an automobile crash near Oakmont, Calif., it was learned here yesterday.

His wife, employed by a telephone company, enroute home from her work, passed the scene in a taxi soon after the accident, not knowing the victim was her husband until she inquired if anyone was injured.

An officer told her that Miles, driver of the auto, was dead.

The crash occurred the past Monday night at 10:45 o'clock.

Miles, who was discharged from the RCAF about a year ago, was employed in an airplane manufacturing plant and was enroute home from work. Leaving a tunnel, his car was struck by a truck.

Funeral services will be held today. The body will be cremated and the ashes sent to Pittston for interment.

The couple was married in Patterson, N. J., eight years ago. Besides his wife, Miles is survived by two brothers and a sister.

Daughter Sends Wire To Spring City Official

Among the Christmas greetings received by Chief of Police and Mrs. John Hanebury, Spring City, was a wire from their daughter, Phyllis, and her husband, at sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Biggerstaff and son, Dennis, sailed from England Thursday, Dec. 19, for New York, and expect to arrive here over the week-end. They were married in Spring City.

Mrs. Biggerstaff left Sept. 13, 1945, for England to join her husband. Since then they have resided at Mid-dex, London. Biggerstaff is a veteran of the R.A.F.

The couple plans to remain in this country.

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Lord Mayor



The new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Bracewell Smith is shown as he took the salute at the historic Guild Hall, during the first Lord Mayor's show to be put on in all its colorful pageantry since the ending of the war.

Colored Bulbs Stolen From Yule Display

The meanest thief was active again in Royersford Christmas eve. Humane Fire company, which spent considerable time in obtaining colored bulbs for an attractive Christmas display on the Third avenue front of the firehouse, was the victim.

Several of the bulbs were stolen sometime the night before Christmas. Monday night a thief stole some from a home on Fourth avenue. Despite a warning from the burgess and chief of police, the meanest thief was around the second consecutive night.

The fire company also installed an amplifier in the tower of the fire houses. Christmas music and carols are broadcast from recordings in the firehouse.

Floyd-Wells Workers Get Yuletide Presents

The annual Christmas gift to each employee of Floyd-Wells company, Royersford, this year was a turkey and "fixin's." The "fixin's" included virtually a complete dinner, packed in a basket with a turkey for each employee. The gifts were distributed to the force Monday.

YULE PARTY TONIGHT
Spring City Reformed Mizpah Sunday school class will have a Christmas party with its monthly meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in Memorial hall.

Foreigners Can Cast Votes in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 25 (AP) — Foreigners living in this capital still have a chance to take part in city government without losing their foreign citizenship.

Any foreigner, even though still unnaturalized, may vote for city councilmen if he pays \$12.50 or more a year in taxes. Since this represents the income tax on an annual revenue of about \$500 a year, many foreigners are eligible voters in municipal elections. The theory is that even a foreigner should have some voice in how city taxes are spent.

The catch is that there haven't been any municipal elections since the 1943 revolution and there aren't any in sight in the future.

'Mums' May Be on Sale Throughout the Year

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 25 (AP) — Chrysanthemums, traditionally the flower of football games and the Thanksgiving holiday, may see on the market throughout the year. Dr. Kenneth Post of the floriculture department, Cornell University, says that research workers, by controlling the length of day, have been able to produce blossoming chrysanthemums from June to January. The research workers then discovered, Dr. Post reveals, that by controlling temperature and the length of day they could produce 'mums at any time of the year.

TWO KILLED IN CRASH
ESSEX, Md., Dec. 25 (AP) — Joseph Baslone, 52, of Farrell, Pa., and Paul Prado, 48, of Baltimore were killed today when an automobile plowed into a group of people helping extricate a four persons from their wrecked car on Route 40 near here, Baltimore county police reported.

Wear sensible aprons with pockets that won't catch in things or frills that can't extend over burners.

24 British Brides Arrive in Gotham After Plane Trip

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP) — Twenty-four British brides and 25 children of American GI's arrived in time to celebrate their first Christmas in the United States today after an arduous transatlantic plane trip beset by delays because of weather conditions.

The plane arrived at LaGuardia field about 45 hours after the first takeoff from London Monday. On the second try, the plane landed at Shannon but because weather over the North Atlantic was reported to be bad, it went south to Santa Maria in the Azores.

From Santa Maria, the ship took off for North America, over-passed Gander, Newfoundland, and landed at Moncton, New Brunswick.

Each wife had one child except Mrs. Nellie Allen, wife of Clifford Allen, Bay Netette, Alabama, a former private in the Medical Corps. Mrs. Allen brought two children, Michael, one year and eight months, and Norman, eight months old.

Six of the wives were met by their husbands, the remainder being taken to Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn by an Army bus. The latter will be quartered there until arrangements are made to send them on to their new homes.

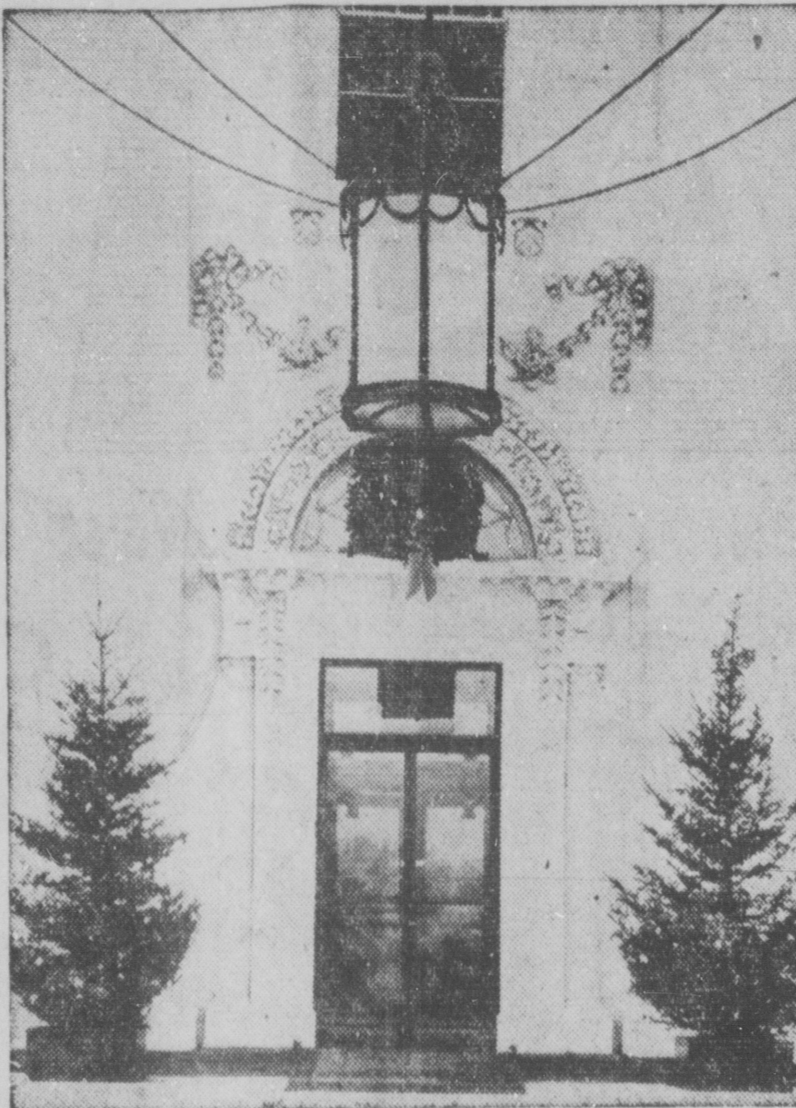
The six husbands at the airport were Frank Svoboda, Washington, D. C.; Salvatore Brogna, New York; George Hesterlambert, New York; Arthur Patrick, Indianapolis; Arthur Lewis, Canton, O., and Dillard Bailey, Philadelphia.

Purser Joseph Hornyak, Portage, Pa., who was responsible for care of the children enroute said:

"It was the nicest Christmas eve I ever spent. I felt like Santa Claus taking care of all those children.

Before you discard that dress, consider the possibilities of restyling it into a jumper.

White House Dons Yule Greens



Simple Christmas decorations adorn the front portico of the White House for the Yule season. A green wreath is above the door and on each side stands a Christmas tree, complete with colored lights that are switched on after dark to spread a cheerful glow.

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66,627 Vets Get Maximum Benefits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP) — The Veterans administration reported tonight that 66,627 veterans so far have drawn \$20 a week unemployment benefits for the full limit of 52 weeks.

"That figure speaks well of the veterans group generally and shows that talk of a '52-20 club' among veterans is a bit unfair," commented Ray R. Adams, director of the Readjustment Allowance service.

The GI Bill of Rights permits unemployed veterans to draw \$20 a week from the Government as a "readjustment allowance" for a maximum of 52 weeks. Some critics of the program have dubbed this a "52-20 club."

A VA study disclosed that 16,156 veterans exhausted those benefits during October—an increase of 56 percent over the September total. "Two million veterans were out of the service by May 1, 1945," Adams noted. "They have had one and a half years in which to make claims. It is amazing that so few of them have exhausted their benefits."

The number of continued claims

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for unemployment allowances decreased during November to less than 1,000,000 for the first time in 1946. The total of continued claims for the last week in November dropped to 867,000.

During that week, 954,748 veterans were receiving the unemployment allowance. Payments during No-

vember totaled \$71,136,000, compared with \$91,942,000 in October.

HALSEY NAMED DIRECTOR
CARLISTE, Dec. 25 (AP) — The Carlisle Tire and Rubber company announced the election of Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey Jr., U. S. Navy, retired, as a member of its board of directors.

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Tots' 1.39 Chambray Overalls **\$1**
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Little Girls' 1.99 Felt Hats **\$1**
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Tots' 59c-69c Rayon Panties **50c**
Tots' 19c to 25c Cotton Socks **8 pairs \$1**
Tots' 8.97 Legging Sets and Snow Suits **\$5**
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Girls' 2.50 Crinkle Crepe Pajamas **\$1**
Girls' to 69c Rayon Briefs **35c**

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1/4 or More Off Women's Sportswear

Women's 2.97 Coat Sweaters **\$1**
Women's 1.97 Cotton Jacquard Sweaters **\$1**
Women's 3.97 All-Wool Slip-ons **\$2**
Women's 4.97 All-Wool Cardigans **\$3**
Women's 1.97 Blouses, mostly white **\$1**
Women's to 3.97 Blouses, white **\$2**
Women's 3.97 Plaid Shirts, part wool **2.97**

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1/4 or More Off Boys' Winter Clothing

Boys' 8.97 Lined Wool Jackets **4.99**
Boys' 4.97 Reindeer Sweaters **\$3**
Boys' 11.59 Leisure Coats **6.99**
Boys' 13.97 Leather Jackets **6.99**
Boys' 10.97 Warm Snow Suits **8.69**

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1/4 or More Off Women's Undies

Women's 2.49 Tailored and Lace-trim Slips **\$1**
Women's 1.00 Rayon Panties **50c**
Women's 1.89 Rayon Lace-trim Panties **\$1**

Pomeroy's Bargain Basement

1/2 or More Off Men's Clothing

Men's 4.50 Coat Sweaters **\$3**
Men's 2.69 Fancy Pattern Sport Shirts **\$2**
Men's 8.97 Lined Twill Jackets **6.69**
Men's 18.99 Leather Jackets, rejects **\$10**
Men's 2.99 Fur-lined Gloves, seconds **1.99**
Men's 17.87 All-Wool Flannel Robes **12.99**
Men's 12.97-14.97 Leisure Coats **8.72**

Pomeroy's Bargain Basement

1/4 or More Off Girls' Wear

Girls' 12.54-\$24 Winter Coats **\$9 to 14.97**
Girls' 4.97 Two-Piece Dresses **3.00**
Girls' 2.60 to 3.90 Skirts **1.97**
Girls' 6.49 Jacquard Sweaters **3.97**
Girls' 1.50-2.30 Seersucker Blouses **\$1**

CLUB NEWS

Social Activities

Yost-Prutzman Nuptials Performed By Candlelight

Mr. and Mrs. James Yost, 726 Lincoln avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, Virginia, to S/Sgt. Russell C. Prutzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Houston, 513 North Franklin street.

The ceremony was performed by candlelight on Christmas eve at 7 o'clock in First Presbyterian church.

The Rev. A. Burtis Hallock, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a brown and blue ensemble with a corsage of white roses.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Prutzman, brother of the bridegroom and sister of the bride.

Mrs. Prutzman wore a blue ensemble with a corsage of pink roses.

Mrs. Yost, mother of the bride, wore a navy ensemble and a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Houston, mother of the bridegroom, wore teal blue and a corsage of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Prutzman home at Douglassville.

Guests attended from Easton and Pottstown.

The couple will leave for Chantue Field, Ill., where the bridegroom is stationed.

A wedding dinner was held yesterday in the home of the bride's parents. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. James Yost Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Prutzman and daughter, Larry Fisher, Easton, and Bob Turner.

The occasion also marked the bride's birthday anniversary.

Mr. Kenneth D. Miller, Ohio Girl Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Miller, 1435 Sunset drive, announce the engagement of their son, Mr. Kenneth D. Miller, to Miss Hazel Kyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kysor, Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Miller is attending Juniata college. No date for the wedding has been set.

HOSPITALS

HOMEOPATHIC
Admitted: Mrs. Kathryn Dreger, 822 South street, maternity.

POTTSTOWN
Admitted: Jacob Youko, Perkio-menville, surgical; Dorothy Houser, Boyertown, surgical; Mrs. Anna Biehl, 287 Lee avenue, maternity;

Mrs. Elma Miller, Boyertown, maternity; Zimenez Deladonna, Douglassville, medical; Mrs. Dorothy Kerr, 615 Grant street, maternity.

Discharged: Mrs. Mary Slody, Royersford, maternity; Mrs. Doris Hoffert, Royersford, maternity; Harold Johns, Hilldale Homes, surgical; Mrs. Alveta Rice, Pottstown RD 4, maternity; Andrew Katherine, 1414 Cherry lane, medical; Elizabeth Daub, Royersford, surgical.

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Engagement Rumors Persist



Heir-apparent to the throne of England, Princess Elizabeth is shown in this latest pose reading in her private study in Buckingham Palace, London. It has been reported that the princess is engaged to marry Prince Philippe of Greece, her constant escort.

Mrs. Howard Hawks, Producer's Wife Named 'Best Dressed Woman in the World'

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Title of the best dressed woman in the world goes this year to Mrs. Howard Hawks, wife of the Hollywood producer, who nosed out the Duchess of Windsor for top place in the annual list of the "ten best dressed."

The 1946-47 list, based on a poll of 150 fashion editors, stylists and social celebrities, was announced by the New York Dress Institute in this order:

- 1—Mrs. Howard Hawks.
- 2—Duchess of Windsor.
- 3—Mrs. Cushing Mortimer (former Barbara Cushing, sister of Mrs. Vincent Astor and Mrs. John Hay Whitney).
- 4—Mrs. Byron Foy.
- 5—Mrs. Thomas Shevlin.
- 6—Mrs. Millicent Rogers.
- 7—Mrs. Harrison Williams.
- 8—Mrs. William Rhinelandier Stewart.
- 9—Mrs. William Paley.
- 10—Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce.

The Duchess, who once topped the annual list, dropped to tenth place last year, but climbed to second place this year.

Mrs. Williams, another perennial of the "best dressed" lists, was back in the ranks this year after missing out last year.

A fashion designer, the wife of a fashion designer and a British actress tied for 11th place as also-rans. They are Valentina, Mrs. Gilbert Adrian (the former Janet Gaynor of the movies) and Leonora Corbett, English actress now appearing on Broadway.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Esther Diener, Pottstown; Mrs. Margaret Leader, Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Smith, Sanatoga, and Miss M. Irene Boyer, 227 Beech street, spent the holiday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Bertollet, Vista Cottage, Pottstown RD 1. A Christmas dinner also marked Mr. Bertollet's birthday anniversary.

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WEDDINGS

Oklahoma Girl Becomes Bride of Ernest E. Fryer

Miss Bernice Coeena Thompson, daughter of Mr. Robert C. Thompson, of Stillwater, Okla., and the late Mrs. Carrie Thompson, became the bride of Ernest E. Fryer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Fryer, Englewood, at 2 o'clock the past Sunday afternoon.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lawrence W. Lykens in the East Main Street Methodist church, Lock Haven.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Alta Thompson. The bridegroom had a classmate for best man, Mr. C. Fred Brown, Lock Haven.

Mrs. Fryer is a graduate of the Oklahoma A. and M. college, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics recently. At present she is engaged in practice teaching at that institution.

Mr. Fryer, a graduate of the Boyertown High school class of 1941, and a student at the Lock Haven State Teachers college, was formerly employed by the Piper Aircraft corporation, where he participated as a pilot in the ferrying service of that organization. An Air Corps veteran, Mr. Fryer served 29 months in the Pacific area during the war.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. John Stole, Stowe, announce the birth of a son Tuesday in Pottstown hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Biehl, 287 Lee avenue, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son Tuesday in Pottstown hospital.

A daughter was born yesterday in Pottstown hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Miller, Boyertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Dreger, 822 South street, announce the birth of a daughter yesterday in the Homeopathic hospital.

Mirrors that transmit as well as reflect light are new developments in structural glass. The mirrors function as a reflective surface when seen from one side and simultaneously as windows when viewed from the other.

Morris Shellenberger Betty Feather to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Feather, Ringing Hill, announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Morris Shellenberger, SKV 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shellenberger, 5 West Sixth street.

The betrothal was revealed yesterday at a Christmas dinner in the Shellenberger home.

Mr. Shellenberger is stationed at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Feather is employed by the Sweet-Orr Shirt and Overall factory.

No wedding date was set.

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Engagement Is Revealed at Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Rice, Hanover Heights, announced the betrothal of their daughter, Miss Florence J. Rice, to Mr. Charles D. Himes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Luther Himes, 118 North York street.

The announcement was made at an annual family Christmas dinner yesterday in the Rice home.

No date for the wedding has been set.

Among those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Peterman, Pottstown; Mr. and Mrs. C. Norman Rice, and Mr. John Clemens, Spring City; Mr. and Mrs. Erich Swenson, Larry Swenson, Carroll Swenson, Mrs. Emma Collins and Mrs. Raymond Wagner, all of Royersford; Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Wagner, Loretta Ann Wagner, James Wagner and Florence Wagner, Middletown, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Hale and son, Robert, Mr. Harry Hale, and the engaged couple.

J. Lorraine Hurter's Engagement Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hurter, 1218 Cherry street, announce the engagement of their daughter, J. Lorraine Hurter, to Pvt. Roy W. Dentler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Dentler, 806 North Franklin street.

Miss Hurter is employed as manager of the Merivale shop.

Private Dentler is serving with the Army Air Force at Scott Field, Ill.

The engaged couple graduated from Pottstown High school, class of 1946.

No wedding date was set.

Jeanne R. Brady To Be Married Sunday Afternoon

Wedding of Miss Jeanne Rose Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Brady, 250 High street, and George P. Gaut, MM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gaut, Cedarville, will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in First Baptist church.

The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Delaine Story, pastor.

Mrs. Frank Miller, organist, and Mrs. John Longaker, soloist, will present a recital of bridal music prior to the ceremony.

The bride will be given in marriage by her father.

Attending as maid of honor will be a sister of the bride, Patricia Dee Brady. Junior bridesmaid will be Dorla Payne Darlington and the bridesmaids will include Patricia Kulp and Phyllis Pickard.

Mr. Charles Rhoads will perform the duties of best man while Messrs. Joseph Gaut and Donald Gaut, brothers of the bridegroom, and Oscar H. Darlington Jr., will serve as ushers.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

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Mrs. Henry Seigler, 427 West Race street, Stowe.

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Jean Doern (above), 21-year-old Wellesley college student told police that a stranger whom she gave a lift near Allentown forced her at gun point to keep driving. The man fled when she stopped car in front of a bus. Detective Capt. Wallace Yeager said William Kresge was arrested and is being held for grand jury action on charges of kidnaping.

Discouraged because you lack the butter and sugar for your favorite hard sauce? Just blend margarine and honey or brown sugar together and flavor with nutmeg or mace. Delicious on dumplings, fruit pot pies and puddings.

Almost any furniture can be safely washed with soap and water. Wring a soft cloth or chamolis out of warm soapsuds, rub surface until clean, then wipe dry with a cloth. After washing varnished or oil-finished furniture, polish with a good furniture polish.

A nice way to make quick-frozen spinach tasty is to add olive or peanut oil with the required amount of boiling water. Cover and steam until tender, then serve with a good dash of nutmeg.

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Higher Teacher Pay Important Topic at Educators' Meeting

HARRISBURG, Dec. 25 (P)—More than 1000 teachers and educators will gather here tomorrow for the convention of the Pennsylvania State Education association with higher pay for teachers in the forefront.

The association will act Friday on recommendations of its legislative commission that a new salary ranging from a minimum of \$2400 a year to a \$4400 maximum be enacted by the 1947 Legislature.

In addition, the committee, headed by Paul S. Christman, Schuylkill Haven, will propose a bonus in State subsidies for education from the present \$600 to \$1800 per teaching unit to \$900 to \$2600 for the next two years, increasing eventually to \$1000 to \$3000 in the 1951-53 biennium.

"These would supplant the present subsidy ranges to enable school districts to meet mandatory salary minimums and advance educational standards," the association stated.

Present salary minimums are \$1400 a year with annual increases until \$2100 is reached and an extra \$200 for teachers with a college degree.

The executive committee of the State's School commission, which has studied the financing of education, estimated that \$75,000,000 more will be necessary each year in education grants to meet the growing needs of schools and suggested enactment of a sales tax or flat income tax to provide the necessary state funds.

Department sessions will open the education convention tomorrow with general meetings on the program for Friday night and Saturday morning. The house of delegates, representative group of the association, will meet tomorrow night and Friday. In addition, many round-table discussions will be held by specialized groups.

Speakers will include Dr. Francis B. Haas, State superintendent of public instruction; State Sen. Fred A. Hare Jr., Somerset; Mrs. Pearl A. Wanamaker, president of the National Education association, and Washington State superintendent of education; and U.S. Rep. Karl Mundt, (R-SD), President Cathleen M. Champlin, Philadelphia, will preside.

Governor-elect James H. Duff also has been invited to address the convention.

Dutch Astronomers To Locate Stars From African Peak

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 25 (P)—With the African sun right over their heads, yet by the fireside all the year through, two Dutch astronomers with their wives will soon be working, 9000 feet above sea-level, in the lonely interior of the British colony of Kenya, to fix the exact position of the stars.

They are Dr. G. Van Herk, and Lieut. W. H. Van Zadelhoff, who will carry on the work, left off by a Dutch expedition in 1932. For three years they will be taking astronomical observations.

The expedition, originated with the Leyden observatory, is sponsored by international science.

"We chose this place, because observations have to be taken as near the equator as possible," Dr. Van Herk said. "In bright weather, the sun at noon will be right over our heads, yet it will be so cold as to compel us to have a fire all the year."

The expedition will leave for Africa early in 1947.

50 Persons Saved In Apartment Fire

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25 (P)—Nearly 50 women, children and men were carried down ladders to safety today as a five-story apartment house was swept by flames.

"People were at the windows when we arrived and it is fortunate there was no loss of life," said John C. Cost, chief engineer of the fire department. "We used five or six ladders and got everyone out. Not a person was injured."

Cost said approximately 100 persons were routed from the 30 apartments in the building. He added the fire apparently started in the cellar and burned through to the second floor as occupants fled to the street, many in night clothing and some clutching their Christmas presents.

Two alarms were sounded and more than a score of pieces of fire apparatus and extra details of police rushed to the scene. Dense clouds of smoke hampered the firemen but the flames did not reach beyond the second floor. Most of the families were able to return to their apartments after the fire was extinguished.

Extent of damage was not estimated.

Indonesia in Market For American Resin

BATAVIA, Dec. 25 (P)—Settlement of the prolonged Indonesian revolution is expected to result in large increases in resin imports from the United States.

Before the war, the Netherlands East Indies purchased 10,000 tons of resin annually in America. This year imports were only 650 tons because of unsettled internal conditions.

Resin is an indispensable raw material in the manufacture of batik, the Indonesians' favorite textile.

One way of stretching your butter supply is to serve cottage cheese mixed with a dash of caraway. This is especially good as a spread for dark bread.

War Orphan



Pictured aboard the S.S. Marine Marlin, which docked in New York with 928 passengers, is Robert Wilhelmina, seven-month-old Estonian baby, who was born in a displaced persons camp. Robert who lost both parents soon after birth, is the youngest orphan to be brought to the United States.

Roosevelt Retains Same Attitude on Truman Policies

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (P)—Elliott Roosevelt returned today from his Russian trip and said "I still feel the same" about opposing certain policies of the Truman administration.

"There is no change," the son of the late President said in reply to questions whether he had changed his mind on previously-expressed differences with the man who became President after his father's death.

He nodded his head affirmatively when asked if he still thought the Truman administration had departed from his father's foreign policy.

Accompanied by his wife, the former Faye Emerson of the movies, Roosevelt arrived by Overseas plane from London, completing a trip which began Nov. 2 and took him to Russia and Poland.

The former President's son said he had a "very nice time" during his visit with the Soviet premier, and in commenting on reports concerning Stalin's health added "I can say very definitely that he looked extremely well."

Roosevelt made the trip to Russia for a national magazine.

He said his future political actions "will depend upon the policies of the several parties, who the candidates are and what they do between now and 1948," the next presidential election year.

He, himself, he said, favors no candidate—at least "not yet."

Fire Kills Soldier Stationed in Japan

NAGOYA, Japan, Thursday, Dec. 26 (P)—One U. S. soldier was burned to death and another was injured seriously in a fire which destroyed barracks of the First Air Force at Komaki Airbase Sunday, the Army announced today.

Corp. Riley Pate Jr., Oakwood, Tex., was burned fatally.

Pfc. Francis J. Wunderlich, Los Angeles, carried to safety Corp. George B. Harding, Munhall, Pa., who was badly burned. Wunderlich escaped from the building, and then returned to rescue his injured comrade.

Lt. John B. Burroughs, Augusta, Georgia, officer of the day, smashed a window and helped two other men to escape.

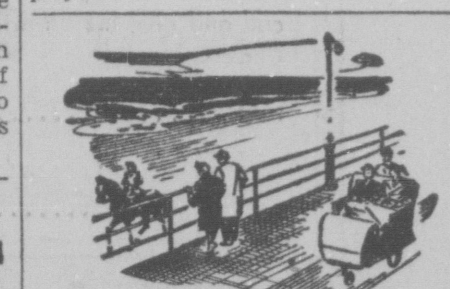
The fire was discovered by Corp. George J. Volgar, Joliet, Ill., and Pfc. William E. Russell, Wayne, Mich., who ran through the building arousing the sleeping occupants. Origin of the fire was not determined.

One Radio Per Village Tried Out in India

BOMBAY, Dec. 25 (P)—To familiarize villagers with the radio and in the hope it can be used later for educational as well as amusement purposes, the governments of India and some of the states have established receiving sets in selected villages.

One set is allotted to a village and installed in the headman's dwelling. A loudspeaker carries the special programs to listeners who squat on their heels outside.

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East Indonesia Gets Statehood

DENPASAR, Bali, Dec. 25 (P)—The second step in formation of a United States of Indonesia was taken here yesterday when the provisional state of East Indonesia was proclaimed in the name of Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands.

The new state embraces all of The Netherlands East Indies east of Java and Borneo except New Guinea, has a population of more than 8,000,000, and includes some of the Indies' richest copra and spice-producing areas.

The first step in organizing the new United States of Indonesia was taken at Cheribon several weeks ago when an agreement, now approved by the Dutch government, recognized the Indonesian republic in Java, Sumatra and some smaller ad-

jacent islands containing the Indies' richest tin mines and oil fields.

A third step will be taken next month at the Pontianak conference when Borneo is scheduled to receive statehood similar to East Indonesia. The status of Dutch New Guinea will be settled later. This half-island may come within East Indonesia.

The Indonesian Republic, East Indonesia and Borneo will become equal federal partners in the United States of Indonesia which together with The Netherlands homeland will form a union under the Dutch crown.

Seventy delegates from the eastern islands laid the groundwork for East Indonesia in a two-weeks conference at which the Balinese

nobleman Rajah Sukawati was elected first president. Two votes were necessary before Sukawati was chosen, 36 to 33, over Tadjoeidin Noor, a pro-Republican attorney who headed the Indonesian National party in South Celebes before Hubertus J. Van Mook, Netherlands governor general, outlawed the movement the past October. The loser was chosen first chairman of the parliament.

Asia's newest state, consisting of the islands of the Celebes, The Moluccas, Bali, Lombok, Dutch Timor and numerous smaller islands, will exercise powers roughly similar to those of an American state. The 24-point plan of government delegates to the Central government such federal powers as conduct of

foreign affairs and issuance of coinage, and calls for the appointment of a Netherlands crown commissioner to advise and assist the new president. The plan was approved by Van Mook.

EX-GOP LEADER DIES

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 25 (P)—John M. Perkins, 70, capitalist and former Republican national committeeman from Kentucky, died at a hospital here this afternoon after being a patient there ten days.

You can bleach those scorched white shirts with a sun lamp. Irradiating dampened sined areas, the ultraviolet helps restore shirts to original whiteness in ten minutes.

Santa Gives Gifts At Navy Yule Party

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25 (P)—Santa Claus was piped aboard the U.S.S. Cascade, flagship of the Philadelphia group, 15th fleet, today and distributed toys to 200 children whose fathers are stationed on the battle-tested ships moored at the Philadelphia naval base.

Capt. Harley F. Cope, group commander, welcomed the bewhiskered visitor and introduced him to the children and wives of the sailors.

Christmas trees furnished by the American Red Cross and decorations turned the mess halls of every ship into holiday diners where the families ate the traditional turkey dinner.

The Cascade and the U.S.S. Bataan were the designated party ships and Santa visited both.

Employees Protected Against War Losses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (P)—The United States Chamber of Commerce reported tonight that approximately 40 percent of the employees in private industry are protected against loss of wages due to temporary disability.

The survey, based on reports from companies writing 94 percent of the accident and health insurance in the country, showed that a year ago 23,000 employees in the United States had group insurance policies providing accident and health insurance for 5,928,333 employees averaging \$17 a week in protection.

One out of five employees covered by such policies received benefits during 1945, the report said.

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Three Records Broken in Game Between Trojans and Canaries

Three records were shattered Monday night when Allentown's state champions handed the Pottstown High Trojans a 65-54 setback. Allentown won the game as expected, but before the Canaries took their showers and piled into the bus for the trip back to Allentown the Trojans gave them plenty to think about.

The first record that fell to the ground was the total of points scored by two teams in a single game on the local junior high school court. The Trojans and Canaries zipped the cords for 119 points during the 32 minute tussle. Never before have two teams ever come close to piling up that many markers in a single contest.

The Trojans of two years back tallied 68 points against Downingtown while the Whippets were scoring 25, but only 93 points were registered in the score books.

Little Bobby Martz broke the second record by scoring 24 points against the state champs. Martz's 24 counters is a new high individual total against the Canaries for over three years. When Allentown started its winning streak three years ago, the most number of points tallied against Bernie Crum's charges by an individual was 17. Martz tallied nine field goals and six fouls in racking up his points and fell only two points short of setting a new school scoring record.

The final record that was broken was the number of points scored against the Canaries. For over three years, never did a team ever score 54 points against the upstate five. The Trojans, after being held to 15 counters in the first half, broke loose in the final 16 minutes for 39 points to bring their total to 54.

Coach Ed Good was well pleased with the showing of his team, and said the Trojans deserve a lot of credit. "These boys have come along farther in the past three weeks than any group I have ever had. They still have plenty of room for improvement and I believe they will improve," Good added.

The Blue and White mentor went on to say, "A team that can score 54 points against Allentown has an offense; what we need is plenty of work on defense. But it will take more than a defense to stop Bill Wannish, a member of the All-State quintet for two years, from throwing them in the way he did Monday night."

"Reinhart played him well and I believe in another game he could bring him way down. I was pleased with the way Martz was driving, and the way Bob Russell and Dave Detar held Elmo Jackson to eight points. Tom Weber and Stan Stolar have improved on defense, and Bobby Mauer and Dan Ludwig played steady ball for underclassmen."

The Trojans will hold their final practice today for the game with the championship Pottstown High team of 1944 tomorrow night. The varsity will practice at 2:30 o'clock and the junior varsity will hold a workout at 1 o'clock.

Families of Athletes Go to Lehigh U.

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25 (AP)—Athletic participation at Lehigh University is a family affair.

Edwin and Eric Erikson, brothers from Bethlehem, N. Y., are members of the Lehigh wrestling team.

Frank and Karl Reinhart, Pottsville, Pa., are on the varsity basketball team, while the three Heck Brothers—Guy, Theodore, and William—of Lancaster, Pa., played on the 1946 football squad.

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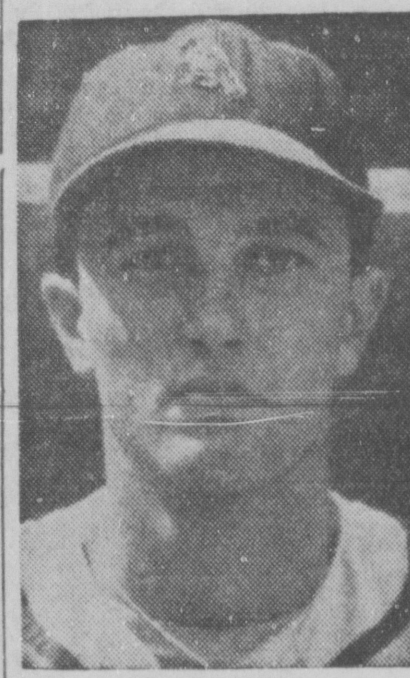
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Howie Pollet Paces Pitchers In National League With 2.10 In Earned Run Average Column



HOWIE POLLET

South Fills Spot Vacated By Yarutis

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 25 (AP)—Southern coaches, here for Saturday's Blue-Gray game, breathed somewhat easier today after filling the breach in their line left by the injury of a star guard.

They announced that Mike Harris of Mississippi State, third string All-Southeastern Conference line-man, had been signed to replace Leo Yarutis, who is out with a broken hand.

Coaches for both sides also announced they had cut their workouts to one a day, and will devote Friday to "loosening up" drills.

Meanwhile, one of the Southern mentors, Dutch Meyer of Texas Christian, "admitted" the Rebels with Alabama's Harry Gilmer on the tussling end, "probably" would resort to occasional passing against the Yankee invaders.

He shrugged off the fact that he and the other Gray coaches—Allyn McKee of Mississippi State and Red Sanders, Vanderbilt—have two of the South's best running backs in Shorty McWilliams of Miss. State and Red Cochran of Wake Forest, and the nation's fifth best punter, Harry Ghaul of Miami.

Northwestern's Lynn Waldorf, a rival coach, didn't overlook it, however, as he snorted at Meyer's "pessimism." Waldorf hazarded a guess that the Southerners "might" try a few running plays, too, but he beamed loudest about the aerial threat from Gilmer.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE J. TRINLEY, wish to extend heartfelt appreciation to all blood donors and to those who offered prayers and for the many acts of kindness since the hunting accident of Mr. Trinley.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Howie Pollet, slender southpaw ace of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals during the regular 1946 season, led the National League pitchers with an earned run average of 2.10 per game.

Officials league statistics released today revealed the 21-game winner who started most of the Cardinals' crucial games in their uphill drive to the pennant also had pitched more innings, 266, than any other hurler in the league.

The dark-haired left-hander from Houston by the way of New Orleans paced the circuit with a 1.75 mark in 1943 although he was active only half the season before entering the Army Air Force. Returning to the Cardinals this spring, Pollet was Manager Eddie Dyer's "stopped" and No. 1 man throughout the rough days of June and July after Max Lanier deserted for Mexico.

Pollet strained a back muscle pitching against the New York Giants in mid-September and never regained full effectiveness although he beat Brooklyn in the first playoff game and worked a brilliant, but losing, World Series opener against the Boston Red Sox. The Sept. 17 victory over the Giants, in which he was injured made Howie the first lefty to win 20 games in the National League since 1937 when Cliff Melton and Carl Hubbell of New York turned the trick.

With Pollet ailing, Harry (The Cat) Brecheen stole most of the headlines during The Series on three brilliant performances, but it had been Howie who carried the burden during the regular season.

Starting 32 times, only three less than Dave Koso of the Giants who earned the "workhorse" crown with 35 regular turns, Pollet hurled 22 complete games. The only pitcher with more complete efforts was Boston's Johnny Sain with 24.

It was by far the best big league season for Pollet whose previous high had been eight victories in 1943. Twice he won 20 for Houston in the Texas league.

Among the first line pitchers who had worked in at least 10 complete games, the Cards' Murry Dickson had the best winning percentage of .714 on a 15-6 record. However, teammate Ted Wilks won eight straight relief jobs and never was beaten to wind up with a perfect 1.000 mark.

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CAGE TOURNEY AT LOCAL YMCA STARTS TONIGHT

Scorpions, Collegians Meet in Opener; Roth's Tangle With Diamonds

The YMCA Christmas Basketball Tournament gets underway tonight at the local YMCA when the Scorpions clash with the Collegians in the first game of a doubleheader and the Royersford Diamonds meet Roth's in the second contest.

The Scorpions are a group of young boys who are coming along in basketball and are still inexperienced but are expected to give the Collegians a little trouble. The Collegians are a group of players with plenty of experience and some of them have played on college teams.

This game is scheduled to start at 7:15 o'clock while the game between the Diamonds and Roth's is listed for 8:30 o'clock.

The Diamonds are one of the best amateur ball clubs in the Twin Boroughs and will be out to show the people of Pottstown some good basketball. The Roth's five can speak for itself for many fans are now following this quintet in the City Basketball loop.

Such players as Chuck Klaus, Ed Kovach, Tuffy High and others make up this club and fans know what type of ball they can play. The Roth's five is now tied for the lead in the City league and have a good chance of taking this tourney.

No games will be played Friday night but Saturday night finds Levensgood's clashing with the Wolverines, a newly formed club made up of teen-agers, at 8 o'clock on the YMCA court.

Levensgood's can boast the tallest aggregation in the tourney and the tall lads may give trouble to the other entries. Al Baudot, Bill Binczak and Johnny Kriczy are a few of the big boys and all have played plenty of basketball.

The Wolverines are teen-agers who played high school basketball the past year. Len Bernhart, a letterman for the Blue and White last year, Joe Hahn, Mike Kovach and Howie Field may be youngsters but will give the Levensgood's giants a scrap Saturday.

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REVIEW OF YEAR IN SPORTS

FEBRUARY



Graziano-Shank Bout In Garden Called Off

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Friday night's 10-round Madison Square Garden fight involving Rocky Graziano of New York and Ruben Shank of Denver, was called off today when matchmaker Nat Rogers was unable to find a suitable substitute for the ailing Graziano.

Graziano developed a painful, but not serious, inflammation of the right sacroiliac yesterday and will be out of the ring for several weeks.

Rogers, hindered in his hunt for a sub by the Christmas holiday, tried to place Jake Lamotta, also of New York, in the vacancy but the change did not receive Shanks' full approval. Later the entire card was called off.

The bout was to have headlined a show for the Jimmy Johnston fund.

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Thermometer Is Expected To Climb to 100 Degrees For the Davis Cup Matches

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26 (AP)—There was every indication early today that the mercury would climb to 100 degrees by the time Ted Schroeder of the United States, and John Bromwich of Australia take the court at 1:30 p.m. For the opening match in the competition for the Davis Cup.

The thermometer shot that high yesterday as the American tennis squad celebrated its hottest—and also loneliest—Christmas.

As soon as the Schroeder-Bromwich match has been completed, John Kramer, the big man of the U. S. team despite a minor spot ailment, and Dinny Pails of Australia, will take to the center court of flag-bedecked Kooyong Stadium in the second singles match.

The doubles play is carded for Friday with the two remaining singles down for Saturday.

The terrific Summer heat—Australia's seasons are exactly the reverse of those in the United States—and the Christmas holiday are expected to combine for the largest crowd ever to see Davis Cup matches. Every seat in Kooyong Stadium, some 14,500 have been sold as this tennis-conscious country became as frenzied as does a Brooklynite when his Dodgers are involved in a World Series.

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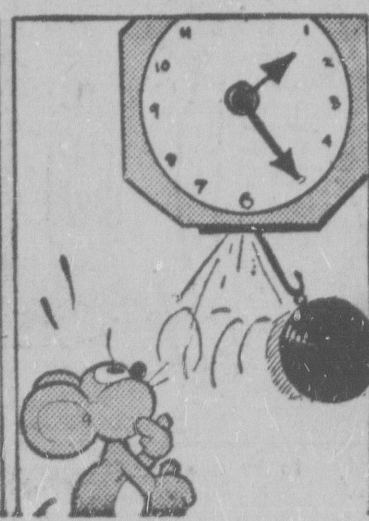
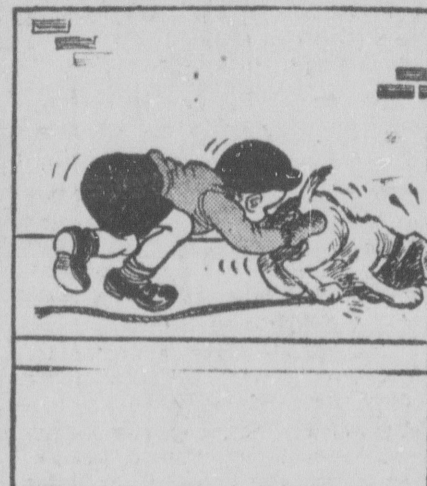
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| 9 a.m. | Ruth Welles Town Meeting of the Air Varieties | For Women Only Oklahoma Roundup | Breakfast Club " " " " | News Chatter Bar Shady Valley Folks |
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| 10 a.m. | Pocket Varieties Lora Lawton Road of Life Joyce Jordan | Besse Howard Bill Morrell Strange Roma's Shopping Fun | My True Story Hymns Listening Post | Keys to Happi's News Quiz for Cash Royal Time |
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| 11 a.m. | Fred Warding | Tello Test Vocalist South America Rosemary | Breakfast In Hollywood Home Edition Bill Lang | News Milton Starr Bill Harrington Hymns You Love |
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AFTERNOON

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| 12 m. | News | Kate Smith Aunt Jenny Helen Trent Our Gal Sunday | Kenny Baker Show Sleepy Hollow News (12:55) | G. Putnam, news Lobby Parley News John J. Anthony |
| 12:15 | Lunch Time with a Punch Line News | " | " | " |
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| 1 p.m. | Melody Magic | Big Sister Ma Perkins Young Dr. Ma'ne Road of Life | David Willis Mil Spooner Anice Ives News (1:55) | Mac McGuire M. Starr orch Jackie Hill Behind the News |
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| 2 p.m. | Today's Children | 2nd Mrs. Burton Perry Mason Lone Journey Rose of Dreams | Walter Kierman Libert the Flea Bride & Groom | C. Foster, news Smile Time Queen For a Day |
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| 3 p.m. | Life Beautiful Ma Perkins Pepper Young Rt. to Happiness | News For Women Only Songs of Stars | Ladies Be Seated " " Cliff Edwards It's New | Heart's Desire " " News; Melodies Melody Matinee |
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| 4 p.m. | Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Lorenzo Jones Wilder Brown | House Party " " Surprise Party " " | The Tommy Bartlett Show Frank Sinatra Dick Tracy | Happiness News Easy Money Memory Lane |
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| 5 p.m. | When Girl Weds | School of the Air Rhona Lloyd Bob Elson | Terry & Pirates Sky King Jack Armstrong Tennessee Jed | Buck Rogers Superman Capt. Midnight Tim Mix |
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EVENING

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| 6 p.m. | News, Talk Drama; Music Vocalist Lowell Thomas | J. Reeves, News Sports Blue R'm Music R. Trout news | Magie Lady Kenny Baker Tom Moorehead N. Black Music | 6 P. M. Extra Johnson Family Sports Spots Uncle Wip |
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| 7 p.m. | Supper Club News Operation Roger Spelling Bee | Mystery of Week Jack Smith Mr. Keen Lost Persons | News R. Swing news Professor Quiz | Unseen Advisor News Art Hala, news Inside of Sports |
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| 8 p.m. | Aldrich Family News Burns & Allen | Suspense The F. B. I. News (8:55) | Lum & Abner Christian Sci'nce Town Meeting Of the Air | Sound Off " " Count of Monte Cristo |
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| 9 p.m. | Music Hall News Jack Haley and Eve Arden | Dick Haymes Crime Photographer Readers Digest | Town Meeting Of the Air Veterans Info. Board | Gabriel Heater Operation Roger Treasure Hour of Song |
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| 10 p.m. | Abbott and Costello Eddie Cantor | That's Finnegun News Powers Gouraud Music School | World Security Workshop Music Veterans | Stars About Town News Night Serenade |
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| 11 p.m. | News Caravan | " | News Basketball: Philadelphia Warriors | Come and Dance " " " " |
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Japanese Shrines, Safe in Earthquake, Look Forward to Big Year-End Business

TOKYO, Dec. 25 (AP) — The Isle Grand shrines — center of the Shinto religion — apparently escaped unscathed in the Dec. 21 earthquake, and no doubt, will attract a big New Year's business.

The home ministry said the town of Uji-Yamada, about 350 miles southwest of Tokyo, was rocked by the quake but that officials there mentioned no damage to the main shrine nearby and the secondary shrine, dedicated to agriculture, inside the town.

In pre-occupation days the government undoubtedly would have announced that the shrines escaped through the hand of divinity, but few Japanese seem to care this time.

Nevertheless, the white-robed priests are looking for holiday restoration of their revenue and some of their tarnished prestige. They are preparing to accommodate 70,000 pilgrims a day during the one week of the traditional New Year's holidays, when many of the devout go to pay their respects to the mythical sun goddess Amaterasu-myokami.

On ordinary days of late, only an average of 1000 a day have

visited the simple shrine, set in a beautiful forest. Even during the last phases of the war, when travel was next to impossible, 10,000 worshipped there daily.

"People seem to be losing interest," one priest recently admitted, "but perhaps more will come back when their faith is restored."

He did not mention the fact many persons connect Shinto with the now-discredited militarism.

Until recently, all Japanese felt obligated to make at least one pilgrimage to Ise during a lifetime, and every Japanese who was appointed to high office went there immediately to "report" to the sun goddess.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida was the first to omit this ceremony, although even he had done so earlier in the occupation when he was foreign minister.

The chief shrine is closely associated with the imperial house, and contains the remains of the mirror that is one of three "sacred" treasures denoting the emperor's right to rule. Tradition says that the sun goddess handed the mirror to her grandson when he descended from heaven to rule these islands.

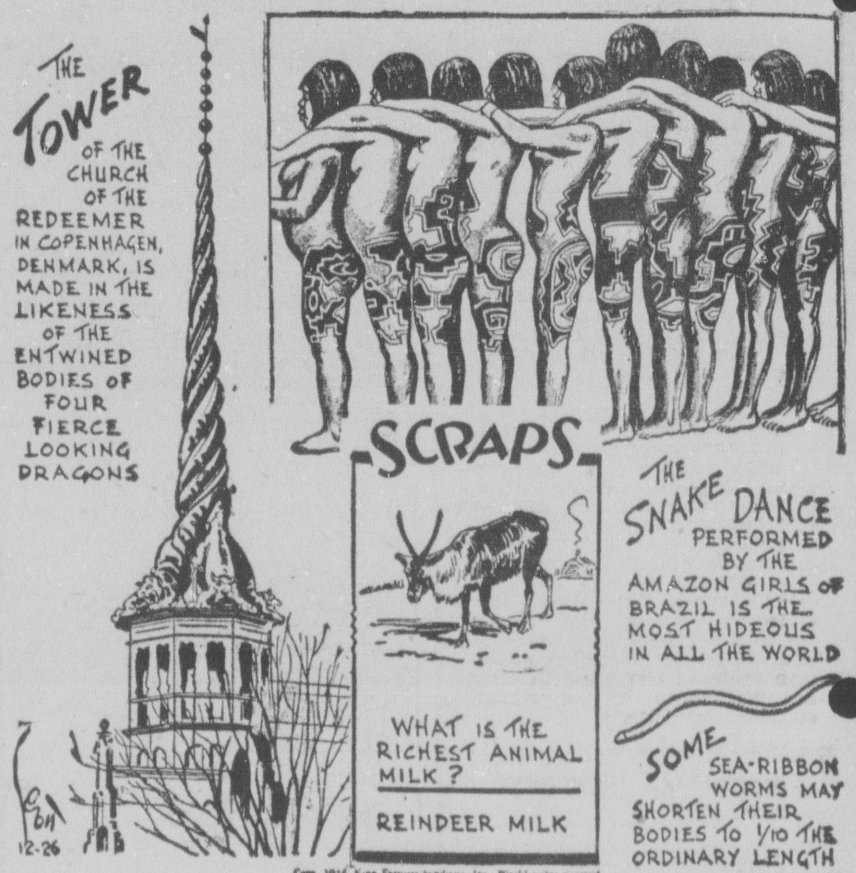
Thus, the hold of the shrine in the public mind is not entirely lost, and everyone who goes there prays for the longevity of the imperial house.

All the pilgrims, from peasant to emperor himself, follow the same pathway under towering trees to the small gold - encrusted wooden shrine in a clearing. Only the emperor and the high priests are permitted to enter the shrine itself. Commoners remove their hats and coats respectfully and worship at a distance behind a plain wooden fence. A weatherbeaten sign near the entrance to the grove warns horseback riders to dismount.

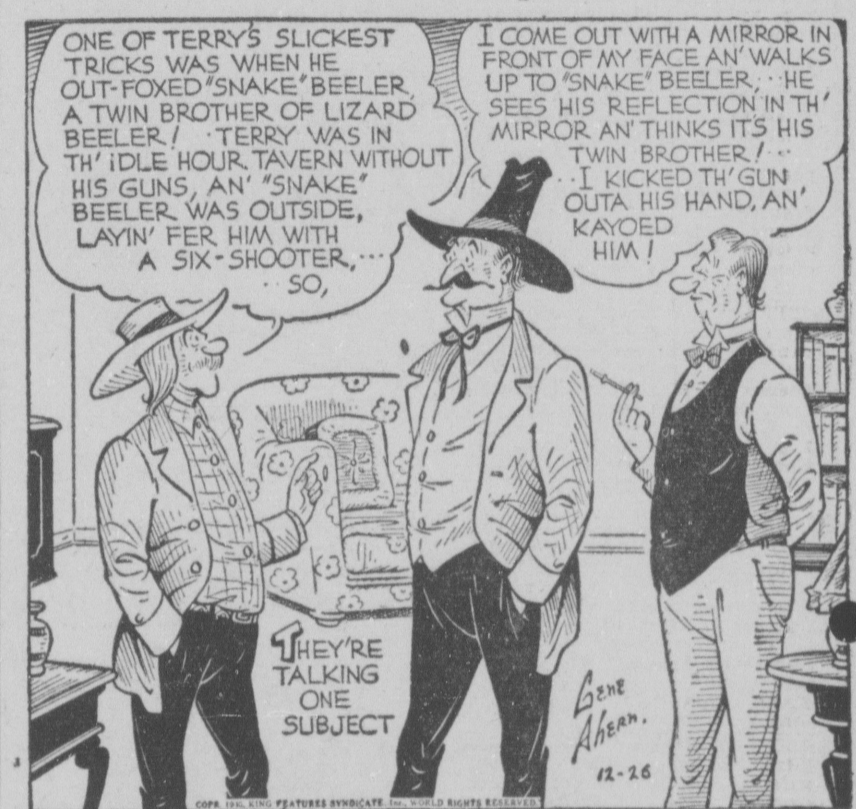
He said the revenues had declined greatly since Shinto was denied government assistance, but donations still came from pilgrims and wealthy patrons.

During the immediate prewar years foreigners were discouraged from visiting the shrine, but now, said the priest, "It is all right even for foreigners to take pictures within the temple grounds. Of course this is still prohibited for Japanese."

It's Queer But True



ROOM and BOARD by Gene Ahern



The Old Home Town by Stanley



TODAY'S Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1. A world river
 2. To array for battle
 3. Narrate (myth.)
 4. Back of the foot
 5. Blunder
 6. A U. S. president
 7. Apportion
 8. Dull pain
 9. Paw
 10. Baw
 11. Arabian chieftain
 12. Not general
 13. More dexterous
 14. A showy tree (Hawaii)
 15. Entire amount
 16. Bird (Hawaiian)
 17. A shade tree
 18. Close to
 19. Clubs
 20. A vein in rock
 21. River (Fr.)
 22. Seed
 23. Hot and damp
 24. Dispatch
 25. To tumble down
 26. Hit (slang)
 27. Type measure
 28. Viper
 29. Gulf (Sib.)
 30. Kitchen utensil
 31. Unit of electrical capacity
 32. Confidence-game (slang)
 33. Nimble
 34. Come in
 35. Italian city (poss.)
 36. Cubic meter
- DOWN
1. Meadow
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 3. Muffler of exhaust
 4. Paradise
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

AGUSTINE—On Monday, Dec. 23, 1946, Alexander, husband of the late Julia Augustine, aged 82 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. West End Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

BUCKWALTER—In Bucktown, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1946, Charles Buckwalter, aged 73 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. West End Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

DETRA—On Friday, Dec. 20, 1946, Clarence Benjamin Detra, husband of Marie (nee Wright) Detra, aged 44 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 p. m. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. West End Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

EVANS—In Limerick township, on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1946, Edward Evans, aged 73 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Friday, Dec. 27, at 2 p. m. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. West End Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

GREEN—On Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1946, Elizabeth A. (Gulger) Green, wife of the late Hiram Green, aged 77 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

KAPPEIN—On Sunday, Dec. 22, 1946, Edward Joseph Kappelin, son of the late Ernest Kappelin, aged 17 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

LEISTER—On Monday, Dec. 23, 1946, William H. Leister, husband of the late Elizabeth (Stratton) Leister, aged 89 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

MILLIGAN—On Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1946, Arthur R. Milligan, husband of the late Mabel (Freese) Milligan, aged 51 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 p. m. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

SHORT—On Monday, Dec. 23, 1946, Edward O. Short, husband of the late Elizabeth A. (Pizer) Short, aged 45 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the funeral services at Wesley O. Harley, 404 High St., Pottstown, Pa., on Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Pottstown cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening 7 to 9:30. (Harley)

Card of Thanks

BUDICZ
The family of the late West Budicz desires to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance, sympathy, floral tributes and spiritual bouquets offered during their recent bereavement.

Personals

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Funeral Directors

BERNARD J. KOPICKI

Funeral Director

210 N. York St., Pottstown Phone 2808

Notice

TAKE NOTICE
Flying Board Shook will be held on Sunday, December 29, 1946 at 12:30 p. m. at Junkman Grebe's home near Water tanks, Schwenkville, Pa. Geese and Ducks. First and Second Prizes.

Strayed, Lost, Found

FOUND—Black Change Purse Tuesday afternoon on Hanover St. near King. Owner to pay for this ad. Ph. Collingdale 3089.

FOUND—Live duck in the N. End of Town. Owner may have same by paying for 643 Spruce St.

STRAYED—Red Steer with white face and markings. Anyone having information as to its whereabouts please call Curtis Rinehart, Phone Lincoln 3256.

STRAYED—Vicinity of Boyertown, Red Cocker, female, undergoing treatment for illness, immediate return urgent. Reward. Phone Pottstown 3895-W.

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Automobiles for Sale

1935 Chevrolet Master Coupe, four new tires.
Phone 2719 after 4 p. m.

1935 Plymouth 2-door Sedan, motor recently overhauled. Good condition. \$750. Phone 303-R-4.

1932 Ford Tudor Sedan
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1936 Ford Station Wagon
1935 Chevrolet Station Wagon
1940 Buick Convertible Coupe
1940 Buick Special Deluxe
1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe
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1942 Ford Tudor Sedan
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Socialism Was Used to Meet Situation In Puerto Rico, Rexford Tugwell Says

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Rexford G. Tugwell, describing his five years' governorship of Puerto Rico in his book "The Stricken Land" released today, said "it might be socialism—what we were trying to do—but it was at least a practical attempt to meet a desperate situation."

Tugwell, who resigned the past summer to become professor of political science at the University of Chicago, defended his "resolutely liberal" program to solve the island's complex political, economic and social problems as "oriented against destruction."

"It had never succeeded," he added. "It had always been overwhelmed by those who represented a temporarily successful laissez faire."

The book, a personal narrative, is interspersed with Tugwell's philosophy on government and planning. "I had hoped that President Roosevelt—and I—could rate as liberators on our Puerto Rican record," he wrote. "The most to be claimed actually is that the burden of the war was shared here loyally and that the Puerto Rican government has begun to be (but only begun and with many hazards still not overcome) and instrument of aid for the people rather than the elite."

"I am unable to claim any showy contribution to the events or even the discussions of these years," Tugwell continued. "I tried to make Puerto Rico an example but succeeded only moderately."

Tugwell blamed failure in his program on "The massiveness and determination of the opposition I encountered" both in Washington and in San Juan, and described attacks by the press with caustic bitterness.

I had not counted on quite so much ill will, or, of course, on the war but most of all not on ill will."

woodsmen, were returning to their homes from lumber camps for Christmas when the accident occurred.

In an effort to reach the men as they drifted downstream, the 5600-ton American freighter Colabee, off L'Anse-Jersey on the northeastern rim of the Gaspe Peninsula, was ordered to proceed to the crash scene. The vessel was expected to reach the area later tonight.

Following his rescue, Hartley, who served with the RCAF during the war, gave this account of the plane accident:

"I was heading toward Mont Joli from Godbout and was a few miles offshore when one engine cut out. Then I primed the other for all I was worth, trying to make the edge of an ice pack I could see ahead. Then my second engine cut out, and I panicked and just barely made the ice."

"The plane sank in 20 minutes. The men jumped into the water and made for ice floes."

"I took off my flying boots and parka and jumped into the water and swam to another floe."

"We were about three miles offshore at the time. At first we thought we could make it to shore and managed to advance about a mile by jumping from one ice cake to another."

"But two miles offshore we found the ice was broken up too much, and we couldn't go any farther."

There the party separated with three men huddling on one floe, three on another and the seventh occupant of the plane off by himself.

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ARSON EVIDENCE—

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the historic Lanier Hotel which dates back to the war between the states, said he inspected the fourth floor about 20 minutes before the alarm was sounded. Fire officials said an early investigation placed the flame's origin in the linen closet.

Investigation of the Wineoff hotel fire, in which 119 persons lost their lives, disclosed that the blaze began in a third floor closet where mattresses had been stored.

Only yesterday the Macon City council recessed for the year after deferring action on a new fire control ordinance so that the Fire committee could gather additional information.

Earlier estimates that some 300 persons were in the Lanier hotel at the time of the blaze were pared down somewhat by the hotel detective, who said only 75 rooms were occupied. Newspapersmen, however, were unable to learn the precise number of guests.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Smithy registered at the hotel only a few hours before he noticed the smoke and discovered the flames. Mrs. Smithy said she asked a bellboy to show her all escapes from their third floor room as a precautionary measure.

"We had been in our room only a short time when we smelled smoke," she said. "My husband went into the hallway, where he found the smoke was thick, and I went to a window and saw a reflection that seemed to come from a fire. My husband investigated, found the flames and called the operator."

"Then we started toward a stairway. He knew just where it was—the bellboy had pointed it out to us. On our way out of the hotel, we knocked on doors and called out for other guests to leave the building."

Telephone Office Destroyed by Fire

SEATTLE, Dec. 25 (AP)—Fire last night destroyed the Fairbanks, Alaska, central telephone office and damaged the Northern Commercial company garage to an undetermined extent, Volney Richmond Jr., vice president and general manager of the company, said he was informed today.

First word heard here was from reports of a Northwest Airlines pilot who last night was unable to land at Anchorage, 350 miles south of Fairbanks and who reported seeing the fire blazing after he finally landed at Fairbanks' Ladd Field.

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Automobile Knocks Reading Man Down, Bomb Toss Failure

READING, Dec. 25 (AP)—Run down by an automobile early this morning after being struck by a thrown bomb which failed to explode, Harry Huffman, 29, of the YMCA, was reported in fair condition tonight in the Community General hospital. He has a fractured pelvis.

Miss Bessie L. Morris, 29, who was with Huffman at the time was treated in the same hospital for brush burns of the left arm.

City Detective Grover Bucher said the couple had been visiting friends, and upon leaving shortly after midnight, Huffman was struck on the leg by a heavy object. Upon investigation, the object was recognized as a bomb similar to the type used by the U.S. Army.

The couple then started running across the street and as they did so an automobile pulled away from a parking place on the south side and came directly toward them. Both ran with Miss Morris succeeding in reaching the sidewalk before Huffman who was struck by the car and pinned against a tree.

The automobile, its lights turned off, then backed up and sped away.

Neighbors who heard the couple scream rushed to their aid, Bucher said.

Police said that the bomb was loaded and the only reason it did not explode was that the detonator had become dislodged. They later found this vital part lying in the gutter, having apparently fallen out while the bomb flew through the air.

SUGAR RATIONING—

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production areas with other countries."

More than 1,600,000 tons of sugar produced in the United States supply area was shipped aboard this year, the report said.

Coincident with the report, Senator Butler (R-Neb) declared a "plain old-fashioned tariff" is needed to protect the American sugar industry.

"There can be no doubt about our being in a terrible mess with one sugar program," his statement said.

Unless the program is changed, we are certain to see less sugar produced in the United States and we will become more and more dependent on imports.

"The control program resulted this year in thousands of irrigated acres being planted to potatoes where sugar beets should have been produced. Now potatoes are a drug on the market and we are seriously short of sugar."

Jenkins report cautioned that complete sugar decontrol now would be "dangerous and unwise," almost inevitably resulting in tremendous competitive bidding for available supplies, speculative hoarding and the grabbing of huge available stocks by the big sugar-consuming corporations.

"All this would certainly operate to the detriment of the housewife," Jenkins said.

"For five years the housewife has received the short end of the sugar deal. Without any general access to black markets or inclination to use them even if available, unable to 'pad' her requirements or negotiate with government officials for larger allowances, she has been the easiest to regulate and the first to suffer real sugar curtailment."

Jenkins urged that any increase in 1947 sugar ration allowances should go entirely to individual household consumers, rather than to industrial users.

"The fact is that the industrial users—canners, bottlers, bakers, confectioners, etc.—have received throughout the war not only much larger proportions of this nation's available sugar supplies than they ever received in prewar years but even a greater tonnage of sugar than industry used before the war," he added.

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Obituaries

EDMUND EVANS, 73, retired LIMERICK TOWNSHIP farmer, died in his home at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. In failing health several years, he was bedfast only one day.

He was born in Limerick township, son of the late Robert Brooke and Rebecca (Missimer) Evans, and lived all his life there. He retired three years ago. His wife, Mary Eva (Pontius) Evans, died the past May 24.

Surviving are two sons, John Pontius and Edmund Brooke, both at home, and one brother, John M. Brielle, N. J.

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the attention, particularly the children, was focused on the varied delights of the Christmas tree and all that went with it. Squeals of ecstasy over new sleds split the air along with groans on the first sight of Aunt Mabel's sunset-colored necktie.

It was Christmas business as usual for the youngsters but to many veterans who were spending their first Christmas home in many years, it was almost like the very first one all over again.

Pottstonians avoided injury on the holiday, or so it appeared. Nothing more serious than stray cases of heavy over-eating were reported as the day passed with unusual quiet. No fires or even murders came in.

Residents seemed determined to spend as untroubled a holiday as possible.

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